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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - 4:00 P.M.

Well, the bids are finally in! We will have a review of the plans for the Capital Campaign and make our final decisions as to what we want to go forward with as a congregation.

We set the time early enough in the day that it will still be daylight so all members could come.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Fern Kenline; Gene & Anne Shirley; Jane, Mike & Kelly Walsh; Margaret & Bill Love; Earl & Ruth Plummer; Ethel Richhart; Judy & Dick Mey; The Vandergriff's - Estel, Lori & Paige; Cindy, Derrick & Stacie Farr; Jim, Becky, Jeremy Stucky; Merle & Betty Grimm; Mrs. Arthur Mowery; Larry, Sue, Melissa & Sara Brey; Andy Cook; Colyn Crowder; Al & Sue Creager; Richard, Marlo & Josie Quick; Anna Taylor; Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk.

From Here to Zehr

Through November and December I have met with a number of community leaders to try and decide on our response to the K.K.K. Rally that will be in Fort Wayne on January 13.

It was a general consensus that whatever we do needs to be proactive for unity rather than reactive to the Klan.

In the newsletter is our statement of purpose (on back of calendar), and list of events (below) you may participate in the week of January 14. I want to thank the Klan for helping to bring so many different groups together. The leaders who sat at the table from different groups moved out of their own turf agendas to work towards a common goal of unity for our city.

I believe God is going to use an event that was initiated by hate and fear, and bring about hope and love to the glory of God.

Schedule of events for the 1996

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebration

Thursday, January 11, 1996 - "The Civil Rights Movement Revisited" Discussion Panel at IPFW from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in Neff Hall, Room 101. Sponsored by IPFW.

Friday, January 12, 1996 - "Reflections" by Jim Lucas. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. 7:00 PM in IPFW Williams Theater.

Sponsored by IPFW and Fort Wayne Urban League.

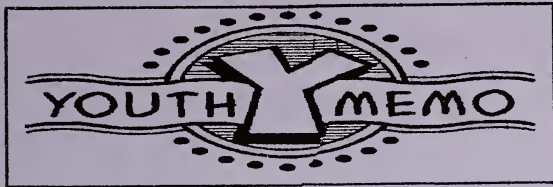
Saturday, January 13, 1996 - Community Prayer Meeting for Peace and Justice at Turner Chapel AME Church at 1:00 PM. Sponsored by the Interfaith Religious Community. Community Rally at Headwaters Park at 2:00 PM. Sponsored by the NAACP.

Sunday, January 14, 1996 - "A Time of Prayer" at 2:00 PM on the Allen County Courthouse steps will recommit the entire area for peace and reconciliation. Sponsored by the Associated Churches Peace and Justice Education Commission. Service of Celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday at Plymouth Congregational Church. 7:00 - 9:00 PM with reception following. Sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Plymouth Congregational Church, U.C.C., and The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne.

Monday, January 15, 1996 - Martin Luther King Jr. Club will hold a free breakfast for the community at Link's Wonderland at 7:30 AM. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Club and the NBD Bank.

Tuesday, January 16, 1996 - "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - An Historical Perspective" Film Series at Noon in the Walb Union Fireside Lounge, and "Skin Deep" shown at 5 PM in Walb, G21.

-Continued on back of calendar

**Updated Schedule:**

January 7 - 5:00 p.m. Regular meeting.

January 14 - 12:00 noon. We will meet for lunch and then go to City County Building at 2:00 p.m. We will be back to the church by 2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

January 20 - Tobogganing and tubing.

Take special note



TO: WORSHIP, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM

We will have a ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

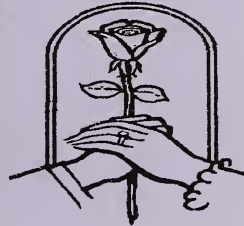
will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. to vote on the final plans for the Capital Campaign proposal.

LOST: A long rectangular basket with two handles on it (2 pies would fit in it). Let Sally Rudy know if you may have taken it by mistake.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ronald Elliott is a patient at Parkview Hospital.



Congratulations to **Sue Webb** and **Paul Cavanaugh** who got married at First Christian Church last

Saturday, evening, December 30, 1995 at First Christian Church.

THANK YOU TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Just a note of thanks to all those who took part in "The Walk to Bethlehem." It was beautiful!

My friends enjoyed it so much and hope it will be repeated next year.

Hazel Brown

SERVING JANUARY 7**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Kris Ohneck & Glenn Miller**10:45 a.m.** John Kelly & Don Oden**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, K. Blocher, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, M. McDougale, O. McDougale, E. Place, K. Place, E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, H. Banet, W. Bowen, S. Brey**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

C. Ewing - A. Cook

L. Ewing - T. Knuckles

D. Vanderwall - J. Ott

C. Hatten - C. Ewing

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K. Blocher & McDougale's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Diane Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, JANUARY 96:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:00 a.m. Rachel Circle

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle

11:45 a.m. DMA to Indiana Amish Quilt
Tour at Ft. Wayne Museum of Art

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 a.m. CWF Executive Board Meeting

Birthdays Jan. 7-13Noah Duncan(7), Kenneth Taylor(7),
Megan McEvoy(8), Myrtle DeVinney(10),
Scott Murray(10), Anorak Phomsoupha(10),
Cortney Lyons(11), Deb Lehman(12), Bev
Kerr(13), Jeff Murray(13)Published
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - 4:00 P.M.



Painting the Sanctuary
New carpet and ceiling repair
Wiring updated
Gathering space and nursery addition

These and many more improvements are proposed for our capital campaign.

We have had our first campaign pledges and the bids are in. The board has met and we are ready to ask you, the congregation, to make the final decision on what we'll do to improve and update our building for the congregation of First Christian Church.

Come and hear the final report of the proposal and invest yourself in the future of the church.

Many of our young adults have voiced their great appreciation for the gifts that they have received from those who over the last 45 years have been faithful.

"Now," many have said; "we, too, have a chance to give to others who will come after us."

The meeting is at 4:00 p.m. so that all of us and others can attend and still be home before dark.

We hope you'll join us for an exciting time of taking a step into the future. See you there!

From Here to Zehr

As we say good-bye to 1995 and hello to 1996, there are two items I want you to be aware of.

In 1995 we almost met our budgeted giving. We were 5% under for the year.

Unfortunately the area that was hurt the most was our outreach, and we were only able to use \$12,000 of \$19,000 for our missions ministry.

It is our desire to try to reach our goal of missions and so we have set January 21 as "Missions Sunday." We will have a special offering for those who can help give an extra \$100 or \$50 to go specifically to our missions ministry for 1995.

If you cannot be in worship on Sunday, January 21 but wish to support our mission ministry with a special gift,

mark your check "**Missions 1995.**"

Also this year is the 125th anniversary of our church. On September 28th and 29th we will have an *Anniversary Celebration* for our church.

Revs. George Wascovich, Harold Cline, and Dick Hamm have agreed to come back for that weekend.

We are hoping to have all ministers, student ministers and Timothy's of the church here for that weekend. It should be a great weekend of celebration!

There will be more information coming, but mark this date on your calendar now!

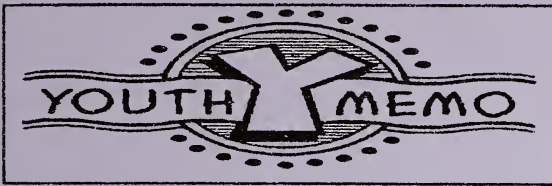
Peace,
Jerry



FLOWERS NEEDED IN WORSHIP

The 1996 flower chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please sign up by dedicating the Sunday you choose in memory or in honor of someone. Cost is \$20.00 and the flowers may be taken home with you after the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Sign up now while you can still get the date you want!



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January 20 - Tobogganing and tubing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



ELDERS

The Elders will meet on Monday, January 15, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

WORSHIP, OUTREACH, & EVANGELISM MINISTRY TEAM

We will have a ministry meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

joys & concerns

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ronald Elliott is a patient at Parkview Hospital.



I want to thank you for all your prayers for me and my family during a very difficult time for us.

We appreciate your love and kindness.

A big thank you to those who sent food for my family, and gifts to me.

I have never experienced such an overwhelming show of concern from so many people.

Prayer works! Thank you.

Judy Mey



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Sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Plymouth Congregational Church, U.C.C., and The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

ELDERS MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1996 7:00 P.M.

The Spiritual leadership our elders offer is crucial to the health and liveliness of the church both in this present moment and as we live into the future towards which God calls us.

That is why we are meeting for the first time in 1996 - to thoughtfully and prayerfully approach the year and years to come with the best of our hearts, souls, mind, and strength as, together, we serve and glorify your God.

See you Monday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

100 YEARS OF LIFE CELEBRATED FOR GLADYS HOOP ON JANUARY 23

What can we say about twinkle in her eye have long lifted Ask the elders and deacons who nion, or Marilyn Rieke, her sun-

Gladys is currently enjoying side her window at Regency

We wanted to go to all lengths to worship for a reception to honor her 100 years, but she is not quite up to that much travel and activity.

But we did think we could take our wishes and celebration to her by letting you know her address so that she can receive your wishes for her special day.

On the 23rd, a few of us will be there for her special celebration.

If you want to send your best to Gladys, please mail your wishes to:

Mrs. Gladys Hoop
Regency Place, Room 141
6006 Brandy Chase Cove
Fort Wayne, IN 46815



Gladys? Her lively spirit, the the hearts of all who know her. visit her regularly with commu- shine friend.

a new bird feeder hung just out- where Marilyn visits her often.

to see if we could bring Gladys



MISSIONS SUNDAY - JAN. 21

We will have an opportunity to give a gift of money for our mission work to reach our goal of missions for 1995 on Sunday, January 21, 1996.

SERVING JANUARY 14**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Ralph Church and John Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** Sara Davis & Charles McGrew**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D. Keebortz, T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, C. Ewing, C. Falbe, J. McGrew, A. Moll, E. Rieke, M. Mullen**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Davis**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, C. Falbe, E. Vandergriff, K. Place**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

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Elissabeth Olson & Megan McEvoy

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Barb Rumpel & Laura Whitworth

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Jack Weicker**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

9:00 a.m. CWF Executive Board Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

12:00 noon CYF & Chi Rho will meet for lunch and then go to City County Building at 2:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting

7:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Service at Plymouth Congregational

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy Blocher's

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc., 1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Worship, Outreach & Evangelism Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206 S. Seminole

Birthdays Jan. 14-20

John Roush(14), Diane Zehr(15), Jeff Young(15), Mike Mullen(15), Melissa Chapin(15), Marty Bier(15), Calvin Jones(17), Jack Williams(17), Sue Brickley(18), David Alexander(19), Chip Olson(19), Jan Nunn(19), Mark Snyder(20)

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MISSION SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 1996



This Sunday we will have a special offering to go directly to our outreach ministries for 1995.

As we closed the year of 1995 we were not able to give our commitment of 10% to outreach. The official board has approved that this Sunday will be designated as Mission Sunday! It is the hope that people who have a commitment to our outreach ministries will give a special gift to help us reach our

commitment.

If you cannot be here this Sunday, but want to support this project, please mark your check - Mission 1995.

YOUTH NEWS.....

This Saturday we are going tobogganing at Pokagon. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Bring \$5.00 for toboggan and money for lunch.

NEXT SUNDAY - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - NO MEETING.

Lock-In - February 3 - Saturday - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Pizza, basketball, bowling, movies, etc. Come and bring a friend. We will also play Sardines!

From Here to Zehr

A LETTER FROM YOUR BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND SENIOR PASTOR

This last Sunday we had a congregational meeting to decide the direction for our capital renovation of the church. Even though 58% of the persons voted to go with the full plan of renovation and the addition, we felt there was not a strong majority to build the new addition, but 100% agreement that we should renovate the existing facility.

It was decided to move forward with Plan B which would be to renovate our existing facilities - painting, wiring, carpeting and bathrooms in fellowship hall.

The Capital Committee will meet and bring back a recommendation to move forward with this renovation. It was the feeling of the leadership of the church that without an overwhelming

majority's desire to move forward with the addition, we would do what improvements we could afford, with the commitment of funds that were pledged in our capital drive.

It is our hope that we can have all the renovations done by September for our Anniversary Celebration. Please keep your capital pledges coming so we can complete the renovations of our existing facility.

We'd like to say a word of thanks to the Capital Committee for all their hard work and effort up to this point. The members include: Sue Oden, Dick Mey, Larry Brey, Jerry Medlin, Mark Quick and Ralph Church.

Jim Bushey, Board Chairperson
Jerry Zehr, Senior Pastor

P.S. If you have any questions about the renovations, please give either one of us a call.

NEWS FROM C.W.F.

The C.W.F. (Christian Women Fellowship) is still collecting used Christmas Cards (fronts only), any labels from Del Monte, Campbell's, Prego, Swanson, Vlasic and Franko American as well as used postage stamps.

These will be recycled and used for very worthwhile projects. Containers will be in fellowship hall for collection. Thank you!

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

TOUR OF SEYFERT FOODS PLANT

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:00 noon.

WHERE: We have reserved a room at DENNY'S on Lima Road (north of Coliseum Blvd.) for lunch. After eating we'll go over to tour the Seyfert plant at 1:30 p.m. sharp!

COST: Tour is free. Order from menu.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES LEADERS AND CO-CHAIRS

The Administrative Ministries Leaders and Co-Chairs will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Jan. 27 & Feb. 3 at 1:00 p.m. We will be singing on Sunday, February 4.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Edna Nordblom is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Katherine Smart has been ill at home.

Ray Stover's mother has had a stroke last week in Elwood, Indiana.

Bobbie Lindsay's brother will have cancer treatments beginning this week.

Happy 90th birthday to Mark Snyder this week (January 20) and Happy Belated 90th birthday to Lucille Branstrator (December 29).

Gladys Hoop will be honored on the occasion of celebrating 100 years of life at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. this coming Sunday, January 21 at Regency Rehabilitation Center, B Wing. Our congratulations and best wishes to Gladys.

Our prayers are with Don and Valetta Parlette as Don has been moved to a home in Bloomington for 24 hours a day care, but Valetta remains at Kingston Residence.

SERVING JANUARY 21**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Charles Ewing & Lauren Ewing**10:45 a.m.** & Dick Mey**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** A. Cook, J. Lindsay, J. Ott, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** J. Davis, C. Duncan, D.McEvoy, J. Franklin, E. Rieke, B. Smith,
K. Taylor, E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, D. Graham, K. Graham**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, J. McGrew, B. Stover, K. Howard**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

R. Church - L. McFarland

E. Conrad - J. Arnold

S. Oden - B. Bier

S. Hayes - C. Falbe

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ACOLYTES

Eric McFarland & Jeffrey Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Brian & Margaret Prechtl

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Marty Bier**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

Youth Tobogganing

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, JANUARY 236:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Administrative Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 247:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206
S. Seminole**Birthdays Jan. 21-27**James Plummer(21), Daniel Auer(21),
Jim Bushey(21), Heath Hudlow(21), Charles
Ewing(22), Harriett Cole(23), Gladys
Hoop(23), Delores Keebortz(23), Mimi
Westerfield(24), Linda Stover(25), Sally
Rudy(25), Janet Weicker(25), Marilyn
Rieke(25), Dorothy Green(27), Karen
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LINE DANCING AN EVENING TO KICK-UP YOUR HEELS FEBRUARY 18 - 6:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

So you think you've got two left feet and line dancing sounds like a real challenge? February 18 is the evening for you to check that out. 95% of us who gather will be first timers. The way I see it you can do one of two things.

- 1) Laugh at yourself, dance, eat or....
- 2) Watch(laugh), and eat

Both kinds of folks are welcome. Come for the fellowship of the evening.

Paul and Sue Cavanaugh (seasoned dancers) will lead us in our first evening of line dancing sponsored by our fellowship ministry team.

Diane Zehr



MISSION 1995 RESPONSE

This past Sunday we had a special offering for our mission work that raised over \$1,000.00.

Thanks to all who gave!

It was a great response.

From Here to Zehr

SUCCESS THE SECOND TIME

Written by C.W. Bess

Back in 1893 Thomas Edison designed a little machine he called a "kinetoscope." Always a businessman alert for inventions leading to profit, Edison equipped this device with a coin slot. For a nickel the viewer could see moving pictures inside much better than those of a penny arcade.

The venture failed. Edison confessed: "I am very doubtful there is any commercial future in it." Had anyone offered a few dollars for those manufacturing rights, it would have probably been a quick sale.

Lucky Edison. One day he removed the coin slot, opened the box and focused a picture on the wall. Within a year that same basic machine was attracting a world of attention. His kinetoscope became the film projector which launched a new industry and became every man's theater.

If this historical oddity is news to you,

perhaps you can still recognize the same theme in your life. How easily we become discouraged and ready to give up.

We complain about not getting the right breaks and long for a new deal. If only we could start over or go some place else. Excuses, excuses.

Strange, but the seeds of success so often sprout and grow unrecognized in our own front years while we're day dreaming about four-leaf clovers somewhere else. That just may be the only difference between the Edison who first failed and the Edison who later succeeded with the same basic machine.

Call it persistence, patience, or just plain luck. But the truth remains. Edison changed the world with an idea that failed the first time around. Somewhere there has to be a lesson for us then.

Peace,

Jerry

YOUTH GROUP NEWSFLASH

The lock-in has been rescheduled to later in February.

We will meet Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. (regular time) to plan the lock-in and reschedule the tobogganing trip.

No meeting this Sunday, January 28.



D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

TOUR OF SEYFERT FOODS PLANT

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:00 noon.

WHERE: We have reserved a room at DENNY'S on Lima Road (north of Coliseum Blvd.) for lunch. After eating we'll go over to tour the Seyfert plant at 1:30 p.m. **sharp!**

COST: Tour is free. Order from menu.

TOUR GUIDE: Myrtle Young.

Joys & Concerns

Edna Nordblom may be moved to the Beverly Rehab and Specialty Care Center, 2940 N. Clinton 46805.



We wish to welcome **Marjorie Ohr** to First Christian Church, Fort Wayne.

Marjorie transferred her membership to our church last Sunday from Augusta Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN. Marjorie is Diane Zehr's mother. Welcome!



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JANUARY 21, 1996

Nancy Bean and Thomas Bean, 337 Pasadena Drive 46807.

A word of Thanks



Dear Friends of First Christian Church,

A refugee camp in east central Africa. A shelter for the homeless in the eastern U.S. Two of many compelling reasons why the Church World Service Blanket Program means so much.

Thanks to gifts such as yours — \$515.30 with which we were blessed on January 12, 1996 — to help us provide blankets, we are able to share the comfort and shelter of a warm blanket where and when catastrophe and hardship strike.

Within days of the mass exodus from the carnage in Rwanda, Church World Service responded through local Christian councils with more than \$440,000 to purchase blankets, tents, and bedding for refugees in Zaire, Tanzania, and Kenya. Here at home we were able to provide 4,000 woolen blankets to Midnight Run, an agency that aids the homeless in New York and smaller blanket gifts to shelters in Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Around the world, and around the block, in those first days and nights of homelessness, at times hopelessness, plain and rugged Church World Service blankets may be more precious than a tapestry of gold thread.

Your gifts help this ministry sparkle with warmth and compassion. We thank you again. And wish you God's blessings.

Grace and peace,

Lawrence Turnipseed
Executive Director
Church World Service



ATTENTION..... PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Our Epiphany party is on January 28. Be sure to bring something for A Baby's Closet.



FLOWERS NEEDED IN WORSHIP

The following dates are opened for you to sign up for flowers: February 4, 11, and 25. March 3, 10, 17 and 31. The flower chart is on display in the Narthex or you may call the church office at 744-3239. You may dedicate them in honor of or in memory of someone. The flowers may be picked up after 10:45 a.m. worship service on the date you choose.

COST: \$20.00. Please make check payable to First Christian Church.

YWCA ESSAY CONTEST

The Fort Wayne YWCA will award \$500 scholarships to the winners of its Family Affair '96 Essay Contest. To enter, write an essay of 500 words or less that answers the question "What does the world 'family' mean to me?" Mail entries to: YWCA Scholarship Committee, 2000 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808. Deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 26. Scholarships will be awarded at the YWCA Family Affair '96, 4 p.m. Feb. 3. For more information call 424-4908, Ext. 254.

ELDERS.....

Our next meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Please be there!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES?

Rick Canter from Fellowship Missionary will be here on February 5 at 7:00 p.m. to talk to our church about developing our small groups (LIFE groups) ministries.

Rick started out five years ago with 6 groups and now their church has 40 different small groups for prayer, sharing and study.

Everyone is welcomed!

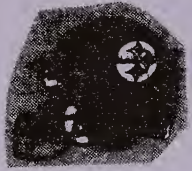


FOR WOMEN ONLY!!!

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Jan. 27 & Feb. 3 at 1:00 p.m. We will be singing on Sunday, February 4.

SUPER BOWL XXX SOUPER BOWL VII



This Sunday, January 28, is Super Bowl Sunday. At many churches across the United States it is also Souper Bowl Sunday. This coming Sunday will you please bring a can of soup or a dollar to worship? The soup will go to our own food bank, and the cash will go to the Associated Churches Food Bank System for the purchase of more soup.



Millions of us will be enjoying the Super Bowl game on Sunday after a full Sunday dinner. Millions of others, some of them our Allen County neighbors, will be hungry.

Super Bowl Sunday was started several years ago by a church youth group in South Carolina, now we can join thousands of congregations nationwide in a unique effort to glorify God and care for "the least of these my brethren." (Matthew 25:40.) Young people from our church will be at the doors to take your can of soup or your dollar.

Don't feel that you are limited to one can of soup or a dollar. If you feel like doing more please feel free to do so. Given the time of the year chicken noodle soup might be the best choice.



Yours in Christ,

Wes Westerfield

NORTHERN LIGHTS AREA BOARD MEETING

7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Monday, January 29, 1996

Central Christian Church Sanctuary

500 McGahn Street

Huntington, Indiana

WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 22-23

"QUEEN, TAKE YOUR THRONE"



We all know the story of Esther and how she used her role of queen to help lead her people. This is the theme for this year's retreat for women using all the gifts and power and call that God has put within you to lead in your family, your church and your world.

Monet Beverly is our retreat leader and she will show us how to receive our gifts from God and how we can use them.

We can accommodate 50 women at the retreat. We'll be staying at the Fort Wayne Marriott and there will be time to play as well as pray so mark your calendars now!

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(1-21)	178	\$3,667.21	\$2,044.31
Year-to-date	180	\$11,001.63	\$9,809.15

CALLING ALL MEN PROMISE SEEKERS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Promise Keepers Conference in Detroit, Michigan on May 10 & 11. Mark your calendar.

More information later!

"TROUBLES" - KEEPING THE ALLIGATORS AT BAY

Seven Strategies for Draining the Swamp

This is the study a new life (living in faith every day) group is using for the next seven weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. We will meet at Deb Lehman's home, 206 S. Seminole Circle - phone: 456-2345. She lives very close to the church. If you have any questions, give us a call. All are welcomed!! See you this Wednesday!

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G. Brown & Heimann's

ACOLYTES

Lindsay Medlin & Jamie Bushey

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mey's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Dick Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 p.m. Northern Lights Area Board Meeting at Central Christian, Huntington

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc., 1701 Fairfield Avenue

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206 S. Seminole

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 p.m. Fellowship, Education and Lay Leadership Ministry Team

Birthdays**Jan. 28-Feb. 4**

Bill Kerley(28), Wade Smith(28), Mike Walsh(28), Martha Warner(30), Kathy Blocher(31), Bobbie Lindsay(1), Jim Sands(2), Judy Mey(2), Patricia Erdly(3), Ruth Yentes(4), Wanda Hamm(4), Eric Mory(4)

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES?

Rick Canter from Fellowship Missionary will be here on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. to talk to our church about developing our small groups (LIFE groups) ministries.

Rick started out five years ago with 6 groups and now their church has 40 different small groups for prayer, sharing and study.

Everyone is welcomed!

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

TOUR OF SEYFERT FOODS PLANT

WHEN: Tuesday, February 6, 12:00 noon.

WHERE: We have reserved a room at DENNY'S on Lima Road (north of Coliseum Blvd.) for lunch. After eating we'll go over to tour the Seyfert plant at 1:30 p.m. sharp!

COST: Tour is free. Order from menu.

TOUR GUIDE: Myrtle Young.

From Here to Zehr

This weekend I had two enriching experiences that warmed my heart.

First, Diane and I went to see Mr. Holland's Opus starring Richard Dreyfuss. It was a 4-star movie for the whole family. That was one of the best films I have seen in 10 years.

Also, on Sunday afternoon I joined the Peace & Justice Commission of Associated Churches as we met at a location where a teenager had been murdered this past year. They had a service to reclaim that location of our city where there had been a violent, evil act back for God. This came about because the person who had murdered this teenager had seen the service from his jail that this group had done after the K.K.K. Rally. He talked to Charlie Hatten who was leading a Bible Study in the jail and asked him if this group would go to this location and pray for the person he murdered.

He had a deep sense of remorse and asked for God's forgiveness and love for the family he had injured.

NO, this service did not bring back the murdered teenager, but it helped me feel like I could at least do something to push back against the violence in our city.

Every time there is a murder homicide in our city this group will go to that location and pray for God to reclaim that space as Holy ground again.

We should all thank Charlie & Teresa Hatten for their work with this group.

Peace,
Jerry

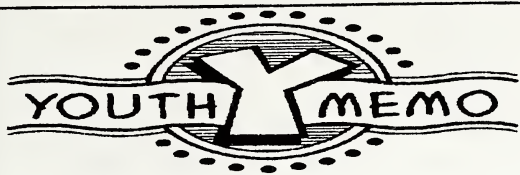
P.S. If you would like to join us for these services of "reclaiming," let me or Charlie know.

DO YOU LIKE TO MOVE?

I don't!!!!-but we are moving to our new house this Saturday. If you can help move boxes and furniture, we would love to have your help.

We will begin at 9:00 am loading the truck at the condo. If you need directions, give us a call at 436-5354.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(1-28)	174	\$3,667.21	\$3,847.04
Year-to-date	179	\$14,668.84	\$13,656.19



We will meet this Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. (regular time) to plan the lock-in and reschedule the tobogganing trip.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES WITH A BENT TO SEWING

A sewing group will meet in the conference room on Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m.

We have two projects at this time.....1) finishing a quilt which was originally begun by ladies of the CWF before 1950 and 2) cancer pads for the Allen County Cancer Society.

Only the simplest sewing skills are needed.

Come join us for a morning of fellowship. Your help is sorely needed.

FOUND

A purse has been found at the church. If you have lost one, please call the church office to claim it.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Edna Nordblom has been moved to the Beverly Rehab and Specialty Care Center, 2940 N. Clinton 46805.

Dorothy Green is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Rosemary Krull will have outpatient surgery this week.

Take special note



CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Orientation:

Mentors - Feb. 3 - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
(Board Room).

Candidates/Mentors and Parents -
Feb. 3 - 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary).

SERVING FEBRUARY 4**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** John Ohneck & Glenn Miller**10:45 a.m.** Charles Hatten & Dave Kreischer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, K. Blocher, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, L. McFarland, M. McFarland, J. Mey, A. Moll, M. Mullen, J. Mounsey**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, J. Young, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, R. Wise, W. Bowen, S. Brey**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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S. Davis - D. Heimann

C. Hatten - J. McGrew

D. Oden - E. Place

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ACOLYTES

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Bob Bier**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

9:00 a.m. Mentor Orientation

10:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors & Parents

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice for Women

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 p.m. Small Group Orientation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:00 noon DMA lunch at Denny's and tour of Seyfert's at 1:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206 S. Seminole

**Member Birthdays
February 5-11**

Anne Moll(7), Elinor Place(7), Larry Brey(7), Ruth Truesdell(8), Betty Harter(9), Sharon Ellis(9), Kenneth Place(10), Cheri Tobias(11), Marvin Crouse(11), Kent Gaskill(11)

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OKAY - SO YOU CAN'T DANCE!

Even if you have two left feet, you can learn to line dance.

It is easy, fun, and good fellowship! This is an evening for all ages!

Sunday, February 18 - 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 22 & 23 THEME: QUEEN TAKE YOUR THRONE

Next week we will begin registration for our annual women's retreat. Monet Beverly will be leading us in exploring our gifts as women and using them to give leadership at home, at church, and in the world.

We will be staying at the Luxbury Inn here in Fort Wayne and we can accommodate up to 50 women.

If you bring a friend or someone who has never been to our retreat before, there will be a \$5.00 discount for each of you.

Look for registration forms in the newsletter next week and sign up early to insure a place for a wonderfully uplifting weekend.

From Here to Zehr

How cold was it this weekend?

Thanks to all who helped us move into our new home. Our new address is: **4802 Calumet Avenue 46806**. Our new phone number is **456-3172!**

Lent begins on February 21 with our Ash Wednesday Service. This year, Rev. Terry Anderson, the Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center and our Minister of Counseling will be the guest speaker.

We will begin with a soup and

sandwich supper at 6:30 p.m. and then our worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Those who have come for this service to help begin Lent with a spiritual focus have found it to be very meaningful. I hope you'll be able to come.

Peace,

Jerry

ADULT VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

Each week our 3-7 year olds leave adult worship after the childrens' moment and go to the Upper Room where they experience worship in ways that are meaningful to them. Teresa Hatten tells a Bible story, they each have time to create projects of their own choosing, they enjoy a feast of food and their spirits are fed by prayer together (and you should hear them pray).

We are looking for 16 volunteers who would take a turn once every 2 months to be Teresa's assistant.

On February 18 at 5:00 p.m. (just an hour before line dancing), Teresa will meet with all who volunteer to acquaint you with what you could do to help in that hour.

Talk to Teresa or Diane Zehr if you would like to be one of our childrens' worship assistants.

FEBRUARY 18 - SUNDAY - 5:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(2-4)	163	\$3,667.21	\$4,089.00
Year-to-date	175	\$18,336.05	\$17,745.19



REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK - 5:00 P.M.

Our lock-in is set for Saturday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m.

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Other surprises planned. Bring \$10.00 and a liter of pop and munchies.

Don't bring a sleeping bag - no time for sleep this time. You can bring a friend!

(TEAR OFF REGISTRATION)

Lock-In February 17 & 18

Name _____

Parents Permission _____

Friends Name _____

Be here by 6:00 p.m. If you want to come later, you must give me a call.

Jerry Zehr - 456-3172.

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I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all the effort our church put into helping the children of the women in the Allen County Jail this Christmas. Thanks to the Ewings and Jarrettes for help delivering the gifts and food. I was touched by the gratitude shown by the families we ministered to.

The men and women in the jail are being touched by your generosity and prayers. I know that Abundant Life Ministries is working hard to change the lives of those who Jesus referred to as the least of these. Please continue to pray for everyone involved in the Allen County Jail. The guards, prisoners, nurses and chaplains are all in an incredibly stressful situation and need our understanding and prayers.

Abundant Life Ministries now has an aftercare program for the men who get out of jail or prison. It is a 12 month program designed to transition the men from their old life to their new life. I have the honor of leading a class on Thursday nights that deals with substance abuse issues. If you are looking for a ministry that needs your help please call Joe Mann at 745-4357.

Charlie Hatten

I would like to thank First Christian Church for its continued support of A Baby's Closet. The Christmas Offering was used to purchase much needed car seats, swings, and playpens. Thanks also to Diane Zehr and the Sunday School teachers who are helping the children to discover the joy of serving God through serving others. The children brought gifts for the children who are served through A Baby's Closet in honor of God's gift of God's own Son to each of us. The lives of many of Allen County's children will be improved because of the generosity of First Christian Church.

Teresa Hatten



**FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP
ON FEBRUARY 4, 1996**

Cynthia Osterman, 3022 S. Harrison Street 46807.

GREETINGS OF PEACE TO ALL

The Peace Project Task Force is made up of representatives of The Children's Museum of Indianapolis and several interfaith organizations and Churches. Our task is to create a Children's Peace Monument located at The Children's Museum. The design for the monument will be completed by August 6, 1996, World Peace Day. We will also provide educational programs each year on World Peace Day at The Children's Museum.

This year, we write to you asking for the help of the children from your school, youth and/or religious organization. A wall will be constructed on the museum's new plaza adjacent the IWERKS CineDome Theater. It will become the Children's Peace Monument.

Here is where we need your help! Children and teens, grades 1 - 12, are asked to submit "**IDEAS OF PEACE**" for the wall. Youth may draw pictures or designs, use words or write a **short** poem. **THIS IS NOT A CONTEST!** As many of the submitted entries as possible will be used to create the mural.

Entries must be submitted by May 1, 1996. You may send them to The Children's Museum, P.O. Box 3000, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

WHEN A MEMBER IS ILL OR HOSPITALIZED



Being hospitalized is a time of stress and concern both for the person hospitalized and for the family. Often, a visit from the person's pastor or other church members can be helpful in meeting the spiritual needs of the hospital patient.

As a member of our congregation, you can help by letting us know when you or a loved one is dealing with illness at a hospital, other care facility or at home. Then, we can visit them and you, offering words of support and encouragement during such stressful times.

If you know of a congregation member who is hospitalized or dealing with illness, please don't hesitate to tell us. We're all here to help with the spiritual needs of each other.

SERVING FEBRUARY 11**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Ralph Church & Kris Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** John Kelly &**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** A. Cook, J. Lindsay, J. Ott, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** J. Davis, C. Duncan, C. Ewing,
C. Falbe, J. McGrew, J. Mounsey,
E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, A. Cook, D. Graham**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, C. Falbe, E. Vandergriff, K. Place**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

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ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Eric McFarland

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Kathy Blocher**CHURCH CALENDAR****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 136:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 147:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206
S. Seminole**Member Birthdays
February 12-18**

Bill DeVinney(12), Charles McGrew(12), Chris McDougale(12), Virgil Buchanan(13), Kevin Tobias(13), Robert Neal(14), Merle Grimm(14), Clarence Bozarth(14), Sara Glasgow(14), Charles Hatten(15), Martha Hunt(16), Karen Doehrman(16), Jean Sheets(18)

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CYF & CHI RHO LOCK-IN

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Lock-In February 17 & 18

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Jerry Zehr - 456-3172

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This Sunday, February 18 - 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

From Here to Zehr

This last Sunday, the men of the church presented me with an airline ticket, registration and \$100 for the Pastors' Conference in Atlanta sponsored by the Promise Keepers. There will be over 40,000 pastors from all over the nation, all denominations coming together for prayer and fellowship. There has not been an event like this in our country and I deeply appreciate the opportunity to participate in such an event.

I will be back for this Sunday's worship service and look forward to sharing my experience with you.

I was touched that a group of people from our church felt it important to send one of their pastors to such an event. I know that if they would have allowed women pastors to attend, they would have sent Diane as well.

Some have asked me, "Do you agree with everything Promise Keepers stands for?" The answer is "no." It does bother me deeply that they do not recognize women pastors in the same way as male pastors. But I have decided the only way to have any

influence of change is to be in relationship with those I disapprove with on certain issues. There is never any group that anyone of us totally agrees with, yet I believe it is only in relationship that we can affect change.

I have no desire for our church to be a "promise keepers" church, but I do think they have some good things to offer the men of our nation.

I have realized that to have any influence on another, we must be willing to first find our common ground in Jesus Christ.

There will be many different denominations, different theological positions at the conference, but my hope is that we can find our oneness in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all who helped pay my way to this historical event. Your love and support is deeply appreciated.

See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

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Year-to-date	174	\$22,003.26	\$21,407.61



AT-ONEMENT WITH
CHRIST BEGINS ON
ASH WEDNESDAY -
FEBRUARY 21, 1996

6:30 p.m. - Light Soup and Sandwich Supper.

7:00 p.m. - Service of Atonement.
 Child care provided.

JOYS
 &
 CONCERNS

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to Harold Nordblom and family in the recent death of Edna Nordblom.

Walter Bowen is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Dorothy Green is back at Courtland Health & Rehab Center.

THIS SUN. - FEB. 18 - 5:00 P.M., BOARD ROOM

This Sunday, Teresa Hatten will hold a meeting for volunteers who would like to assist her for Childrens' Worship.

If you would like to assist with this ministry, come and hear what you could do to help out.



CWF (Christian Women Fellowship) is going to do a memorial to the Food Bank in memory of Edna Nordblom.

If anyone is interested in contributing to this fund, please call Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349. Thank you.

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D. Kreischer - B. Smith

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

6:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho Lock-In

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Volunteer Assistants Meeting
with Teresa Hatten

6:00 p.m. Line Dancing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 197:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy
Blocher's**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. Worship, Evangelism & Outreach
& Service Ministry Team**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 a.m. Lay Leadership Committee

Member Birthdays -Feb. 19-25Don Crouse(19), Richard Merrick(20),
Heather Chapin(20), Walter Bowen(22), Susan
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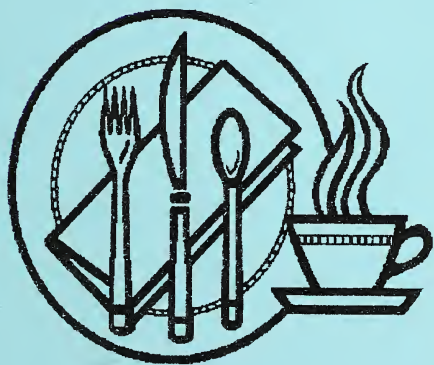
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**Associated Churches of Fort Wayne
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Sun., Feb. 25, Don Hall's Guesthouse-5:30 p.m.**



95 congregations representing 19 denominations are partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the people of God throughout Fort Wayne and Allen County.

First Christian Church has a rich heritage of sharing in that ministry. The theme for the year is "Who is Welcome in our Churches: The Unfolding Role of Women in the Church."

This year, at the annual dinner of Associated Churches, Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Campbell is an ordained Disciple minister.

Dr. Campbell will also be speaking at a workshop on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Our own Rev. Diane Zehr will be on a panel of respondents in that workshop. This is a community wide event and you are invited to attend both the workshop and the dinner.

From Here to Zehr

My sermon series during the Season of Lent is called, "**Geography of the Soul.**" It has to do with different locations Jesus visited. Bethany, Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple, Galgotha, and reflect on the places in our own soul that makes this journey. Lent is a time of reflection, confession and transformation.

I hope you will do something special in your spiritual walk to mark these next 40 Days before the resurrection. Set a time for prayer, reading the Bible, fasting one day a week, keeping a spiritual journal, or coming to one of the small groups we offer.

I hope you will join me on this journey of the Soul during the next six Sundays in Lent.

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. Here is a list of the LIFE groups you might want to attend during Lent for prayer and study:

1) Monday - Women's (first & third Monday's at Kathy Blocher's, 2521 Clara Avenue - 7:00 p.m.).

2) Monday - Men's (second & fourth Monday's at Dick Mey's, 10330 Tillman Road - 7:00 p.m.).

3) Tuesday morning - Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bushey's, Inc., 1701 Fairfield Avenue - 6:30 a.m.

4) Tuesday - Women's Bible Study at the church - 9:15 a.m.

5) Wednesday night - Men & Women's LIFE group at Deb Lehman's, 206 Seminole Circle - 7:00 p.m.



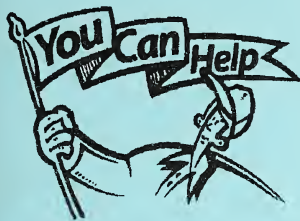
FLOWERS NEEDED IN WORSHIP

We still have two Sundays in March that we need flowers for - March 3 and March 31. If you are interested, the flower chart is in the Narthex.

Cost is \$20.00. You may designate them in honor of or in memory of someone.

You may take the flowers home after second service on the date you sign up for. Thank you.

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Yours in Christ,

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ALL CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT QUEEN, TAKE YOUR THRONE LUXBURY INN MARCH 22 & 23

Now is the time to register for our weekend retreat. If you want to grow spiritually, make some new friends and enjoy some time with Christian women, this retreat is for you. Monet Beverly will lead us as we explore the story of Ester and how she used all of the gifts God gave her to save her people.

If you have friends who would like to attend, bring them. If they have never attended one of our retreats, you both receive a \$5.00 discount.



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DATE: March 6, 1996 - WEDNESDAY
NOTE CHANGE - NOT TUESDAY

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12:30 p.m. - Speaker

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TOPIC: Bird Feeders and Bird Feed

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Please join us for a carry in lunch. Afterwards types of feeders and discuss types of bird seeds.

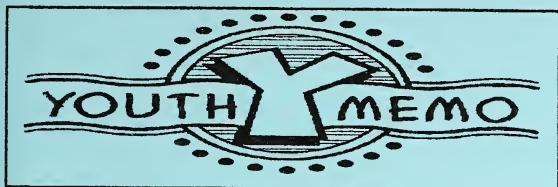
Spring is coming and the birds will be returning so let's be ready!!!

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS



Fellowship of Prayer Lenten Devotional Booklets have been placed in the Narthex for you to pick up if you'd like one.

There is a different scripture reading daily during the Lenten Season in these booklets.



CYF and Chi Rho will have a regular meeting this coming Sunday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m.

See you then!

SECRET PLACE AVAILABLE

The March, April & May quarter of the Secret Place has been placed in the Narthex for anyone who would like a copy.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to Dave Rinker in the recent death of his grandmother who died in California.

Walter Bowen has been moved to Woodview Healthcare, 3420 E. State Street, Room 109..

Ruth Bennington is a patient at St. Joe Medical Center after a fall on stairs at home and she fractured her leg.

Our prayers are with Frank Lehman (Sue Oden's nephew), who had a stroke last week and is in ICU at Parkview.



CWF (Christian Women Fellowship) is going to do a memorial to the Food Bank in memory of Edna Nordblom.

If anyone is interested in contributing to this fund, please call Evelyn Yeoman at 489-2349. Thank you.

SERVING FEBRUARY 25**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Lauren Ewing & Eunice Conrad**10:45 a.m.** & Sara Davis**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D. Keebortz,
T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** J. Mey, A. Moll, M. Mullen, E.
Rieke, B. Smith, K. Taylor, E.
Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, K. Graham, C. Byrket**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, R. Wise, E.
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LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Diane Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

10:00 a.m. Lay Leadership Committee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 276:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 287:00 p.m. Life Group at Deb Lehman's, 206
S. Seminole Circle**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**10:00 a.m. Candidates, Mentors & Parents
with Rev. Jerry Zehr**Member Birthdays****February 26-March 4**Bill Chappell(26), Cathy Katt(26),
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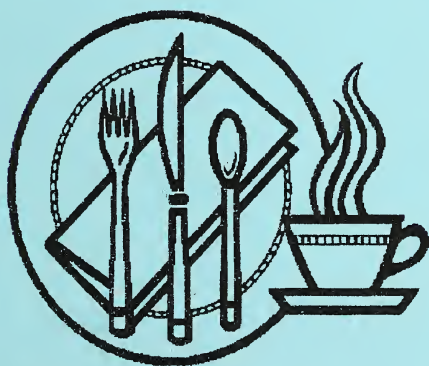
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NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON MARCH 10, 1996 - 12:00 NOON



On Sunday, March 10 after second service, we would like to invite everyone who has been worshipping with us but have not joined the church to come to an informal luncheon with a time for questions and answers about the church and its ministries.

Call to make reservations to the church office at 744-3239.

WOMEN.....



Have you registered for the retreat on March 22 & 23?
Call the church office (744-3239) to make your reservation!!

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday evening Diane and I attended the Associated Churches Annual Dinner. It was a great event with Dr. Joan Campbell, President of the National Council of Churches speaking.

Following is the list they gave us of the top ten giving congregations to Associated Churches. There are 93 congregations that participate and we are number 5 in the city in our financial support. I am proud of First Christian Churches commitment to Associated Churches and its ecumenical ministry to our city.

- 1) Trinity English Lutheran - \$25,284
- 2) First Presbyterian - \$12,608
- 3) St. Joseph United Meth. - \$10,332
- 4) Broadway Christian - \$7,574
- 5) First Christian - \$5,214

6) Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren - \$4,427

7) Plymouth Congregational UCC - \$4,255

8) Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren - \$3,829

9) Trinity United Methodist - \$3,656

10) First Wayne St. United Methodist - \$3,530

Peace,
Jerry

P.S. I want to strongly encourage the women of our church to attend the Women's Retreat. If you are needing a spiritual lift or deepening of your faith, I know you'll find it at this experience!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING MARK THESE DATES

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May 10 & 11 - Men's Retreat, Detroit, Michigan. Promise Keepers Rally.

June 16-20 - Vacation Bible School.

August 23 & 24 - Church-Wide Camp - Barbee Christian Camp - North Webster. We will have our first Church-Wide Family Camp on this weekend at Barbee Camp. There is a lake, canoeing, swimming, softball, basketball. There are cabins, R.V. spaces and tent space.



CYF and Chi Rho will have a regular meeting this coming Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m.

See you then!

DID YOU FORGET?



LIFE GROUP LEADERS, ASSISTANT LEADERS, AND HOSTS will meet this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the church to discuss Rick Canter's presentation with us last month and decide where we go from here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Elders meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Capital Task Force Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen is at Woodview Healthcare, 3420 E. State Street, Room 109..

Ruth Bennington is a patient at St. Joe Medical Center.

Wilma Miller is a patient at St. Joe Medical Center.

Word has come that **Mrs. Merrit (Laurie) Dawson** who is a former member has died in Florida.

THANK YOU

We want to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for all those who sent cards, flowers, calls and visits to Edna during her illness and death.

Harold Nordblom and Family

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Yours in Christ,

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CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 2 - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

CLASS WITH REVEREND JERRY ZEHR

CANDIDATES, MENTORS AND PARENTS

DISCUSSION: Characteristic Beliefs of the Christian Church, Faith, Baptism

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(2-25)	187	\$3,667.21	\$2,184.60
Year-to-date	176	\$29,337.68	\$25,536.00



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LOCATION: Fellowship Hall

TOPIC: Bird Feeders and Bird Feed

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FROM LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

According to the By-Laws: "The Lay Leadership Committee shall solicit from the congregation names of potential nominees for elective office at least two weeks in advance of the nominating process."

The Committee is now "open for business" and soliciting your participation in the nominating process.

To be considered will be suggestions of qualified candidates for positions on the Boards of Trustees, Elders, Diaconate, and for other key leadership roles within the church.

Your suggestions may be placed in the Lay Leadership mailbox located in the church office hallway. You may wish to contact a committee member: Ralph Church, Kathy Graham, Betty Grimm, Roger Moll, Ken Taylor, Estel Vandergriff, Vince Wells, Diane Zehr, Jerry Zehr.

Thank you for your suggestions and participation.

Kathy Graham, Lay Leadership Chairperson

SERVING MARCH 3**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Ralph Church & John Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** Dick Mey & Bill Franklin**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** A. Cook, J. Lindsay, J. Ott, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, L. McFarland, M. McFarland, J. McGrew, J. Mounsey**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, J. Young, C. Davis**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, H. Banet, S. Brey**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

R. Church - E. Vandergriff

K. Ohneck - D. McEvoy

L. Ewing - A. Moll

- K. Place

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Tim Jarrett & Melissa Brey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Jack Weicker**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

10:00 a.m. Lay Leadership Committee

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Meeting with Rev. Jerry Zehr**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

6:00 p.m. LIFE Group Leaders, Assistant
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9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

12:00 noon D.M.A. Carry-In Luncheon

5:00 p.m. Capital Task Force Committee

7:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
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SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LENT

MARCH 17

Candidates for Baptism - making their Confession of Faith, 10:45 a.m. service.

MARCH 22 & 23

Women's Retreat - A spiritual experience for all the women of our church.

MARCH 31 - PALM SUNDAY

LIFE Groups - Praise and pizza - 6:00 p.m. We wish to invite everyone who has been involved in a LIFE Group this year to an evening of exuberant music, praising God, communion and then join in fellowship - eating pizza.

APRIL 4 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE LAST SUPPER

We will have a drama telling the story of the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. You won't want to miss this experience of the Last Supper, and then you will be invited to join in Holy Communion that evening.

PRAYER VIGIL HELD FROM APRIL 5, GOOD FRIDAY - 6:00 P.M. -

APRIL 7 - EASTER MORNING - 6:00 A.M.

Have you ever participated in the Easter Prayer Vigil here at First Christian Church?

It is a chance for you to have a quiet time of prayer with God in the Chapel. You might want to sign up for an hour of time by yourself or along with a friend or spouse or your whole family.

As you enter the Chapel you will find books, tapes of music, and worship aids to guide you into a time with God if you wish to use them. You are free to use this time in any way you choose to be present to God.

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You will notice some of the hours of the vigil are done by some of our LIFE Groups, Sunday School classes, our elders, our mentors and candidates, and other groups. There are also spots available for individuals or families.

This will definitely prepare you for a fuller experience of Easter and all that it means to us, the church and to the world.

You will find a sign up board in Fellowship Hall beginning this Sunday.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST - SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - 8:00 A.M.

Ages 1 year - 5th grade. \$2.00 per person includes breakfast, magic show, egg hunt, and a visit with the Easter Bunny.

Bring your own basket for the egg hunt.

EASTER - APRIL 7 - WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

An Easter Breakfast will be provided for everyone from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall that morning.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR KEEP THESE DATES OPENED

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PLEASE BRING A BAG OF CANDY TO FILL THE EGGS FOR THE EGG HUNT. WE WILL HAVE BASKETS BY THE DOORS FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY - PHOTOGRAPHIC SCHEDULE

April 24 - 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

April 25 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

April 26 - 3:00 - 9:30 p.m.

April 27 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Look for more information and for sign-up Sundays.

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See you then!

WHAT IS "STRINGS & STARS"

The "Strings" are the "spaghetti" and the "Stars" are the talent from the church. Our 4th Annual Talent show will be April 21 at 6:00 p.m. We need people to start working on a skit, a song, tell a joke or do a stupid human trick. Sign-up will start next week.

THANK YOU

C.W.F. wishes to thank all of you for your donations to the Edna Nordblom memorial fund designated to the food bank.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen is at Woodview Healthcare, 3420 E. State Street, Room 109..

Ruth Bennington is a patient at St. Joe Medical Center.

Wilma Miller is home from St. Joe Medical Center.

Jack Phillips was at the emergency room over the weekend. Please keep Jack in your prayers.

Our prayers are with Lori Crouter as her father has had cancer surgery.

Please continue to hold Frank Lehman in your prayers. Last Thursday was a turning point and he is now out of ICU and into re-hab. Prayer has brought him this far but more prayers are needed as he has a long road to go to regain any ground lost during his ordeal. His family wishes to thank you for your support during this time.

Sue Oden

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ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!

The date for the church's visit to see the Fort Wayne Wizards play has been changed due to a previous confliction. It has now been set for **Sunday, June 2** — game time will be at 2:00 p.m. with a special pre-game picnic for those who want to be catered by Fanfare with full eatins! Dinner will be served along the right field foul line, starting at 12:00 noon — right after church.

Someone from First Christian Church (Jerry Zehr?) will sing the National Anthem before the first pitch.

Reserved grandstand seats will be reduced to \$5.00 each for the occasion. Check with members of the DMA or with George Cole for reservations and for the tasty menu which is available. **ALL** the church is invited, adults and children, along with their friends. Let's turn out in large numbers to promote our church! Get your reservations in **NOW**.

FROM THE FOOD BANK

We're not doing very well filling up the containers for our food bank during Lent. Please bring tuna, salmon, mackerel and crackers during this time.

Time is running out so please help out if you can. Thank you.

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MICHAEL HOLLMAN, ORGANIST

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AT 4:00 P.M.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON MARCH 3, 1996

Diana Bennett & Michael Moore, 6019 Dichotomy Court 46835.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Lilies and spring bulb plants will be available for the Easter season. These will be \$10.00 each. These may be given in memory of someone or in honor of someone. They may be picked up after second service on Easter.

Checks and orders may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

ELMHURST CINEMA PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Elmhurst Cinema Productions is presenting their annual movie on May 17 and 18. This years movie is entitled Rendezvous. It is a re-enactment of the revolutionary war. To cover the many costs of this non-funded movie we are selling advertisements:

Business card - \$15.00

Quarter Page - \$28.00

Half Page - \$54.00

Full Page - \$95.00

If anyone is interested in buying one of the above please contact me at home at 432-6181 or Mr. Floyd at Elmhurst at 425-7510.

Donations are welcome.

Becky Krull

P.S. Everyone is invited to come and watch the movie.

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

12:00 noon Newcomers Luncheon

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, MARCH 117:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick
Mey's, 10330 Tillman Road**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 137:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
206 S. Seminole Circle**Members Birthdays-****March 12-18**Jean Chappell(12), Kevin Mory(12),
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125 ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

On April 24-27 we would like all friends and members to come to the church to get their photograph taken for our Pictorial Directory - Special Edition.

There is no charge to you and it will help have a new directory with all of the pictures of our church family. We will have these available on our September Anniversary Celebration.

Everyone who gets their picture taken will get a free directory. Following are the scheduled times:

April 24 - 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

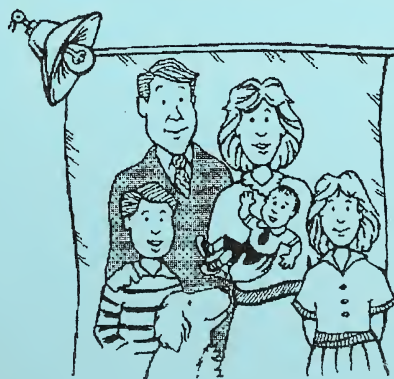
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From Here to Zehr

"WHAT IS A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND?"

This is a great time for couples who want to "get-a-way" and spend some quality time together and work on strengthening their marriage. This is **not** for couples with deep conflictual issues, but is for those whose marriages are okay, but want to make them better. There will be a time with the whole group and time for you to be off on your own. It is a time of great fellowship and growth.

We also have a special opportunity to go to Beef-n-Boards Dinner Theater on Saturday night. The musical is "Godspell" and the cost is \$37.50 per couple (usual price is \$37.00 per person). This is for dinner and the show (this part is optional).

The cost for the marriage enrichment is \$60.00 per couple. This includes hotel room and Saturday breakfast, and lunch, and workshop - what a deal! We only have room for fifteen couples so make sure you get your money and reservations in to the church.

DATE: APRIL 26 & 27. Meet in Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The event is over at 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Those

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Reminder: Candidates, Mentors and Representatives meet in the Narthex by 10:20 a.m.

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

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STILL NEEDED!

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Containers are by the doors for you to put your donations in.

Time is running out so please help out if you can!

Thank you.

CHOIR REHEARSAL - SATURDAY,
MARCH 16 AT 1:00 P.M.
CHAMBER SINGERS WILL
SING THIS SUNDAY!



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 10, 1996

Jenny Zumwalt, 1728-3 Third Street 46808; Rob & Paula Storer & Family, 1252 W. Lexington Avenue 46807.

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Candidates for Baptism - making their Confession of Faith, 10:45 a.m. service.

MARCH 22 & 23

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ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!

The date for the church's visit to see the Fort Wayne Wizards play has been changed due to a previous confliction. It has now been set for **Sunday, June 2** — game time will be at 2:00 p.m. with a special pre-game picnic for those who want to be catered by Fanfare with full eatins! Dinner will be served along the right field foul line, starting at 12:00 noon — right after church.

Someone from First Christian Church (Jerry Zehr?) will sing the National Anthem before the first pitch.

Reserved grandstand seats will be reduced to \$5.00 each for the occasion. Check with members of the DMA or with George Cole for reservations and for the tasty menu which is available. **ALL** the church is invited, adults and children, along with their friends. Let's turn out in large numbers to promote our church! Get your reservations in **NOW**.

YOU TOO... CAN HELP!

Last Friday, a 16 year old boy was murdered by gunshots outside Eden Green Apartments. On Saturday I attended a healing service to reclaim that defiled piece of land for God. As I looked down at the ground that was covered in blood, I wondered what I was doing there. I was then reminded of my favorite verse of scripture which is Micah 6:8. It is with me everywhere I go. It reads: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Sometimes I wish that it wasn't with me.

I spent almost a year mentoring a young man who was addicted to crack cocaine. I knew he had become a Christian, and I thought he had overcome his addiction. I received a call at 4:00 a.m. one morning and learned that he had "used" again and was in jail facing six years in prison. I wondered what I had taught him during the time I was with him. I had never felt so hurt as when I received that call.

I wish I could tell you that when you become involved in God's work you will be blessed with only great successes and mountaintop experiences, but I can't. Most people that I've met are just ordinary people trying to get by one day at a time. Some people, however, have experienced so much pain and misery that they want to blame you for what has happened to them. Some people who come to the food bank think that you owe them the food. Some people in jail think that the system (you included) are responsible for their being there.

Sometimes I wonder why God commands us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. I have come to believe that when we are helping those in need as an act of obedience, we experience a sense of the Holy Spirit not found in our everyday activity. We touch the hem of the Master's robe and we know that there is a God at work in us.

If you are searching for a way to serve God, but don't know how to get started, call me. First Christian Church offers opportunities to serve in many different areas. You can become a volunteer chaplain in the jail. You can help to answer the telephone in the church office. You can volunteer one hour a month or 20 hours a week. God will supply the means if you make yourself available. The elders and the pastors will pray with you and help you get started in your area of service if you need them. There are many ways to become involved and it can start with a phone call.

Charlie Hatten



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

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Meet at the church - going to YMCA - 2:30 - 3:30 - gym; 3:30 - 4:30 pool - swimming. Be back at the church at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$3.00. Bring a couple of friends!

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Keebortz, T. Knuckles

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Mey, A. Moll, E. Rieke, B. Smith

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9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. W.O.E. Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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206 S. Seminole Circle

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Pauline Auer(20), Brenda Kelly(21), Lou

Simmons(22), John Glasgow(24), Freda

Flaugh(25), Rosemary Krull(25), Christie

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From Here to Zehr

"Calling All Parents..."

The upcoming summer will provide our youth with many choices as to how to spend their vacation time. Their choices are unlimited. When considering summer opportunities with your child, we invite you to consider one such event as a major investment in your child's future. That investment is church camp. Consider it a spiritual one.

Hundreds of today's church lay leaders and clergy have testified that many of the seeds of their faith were rooted deeper at summer church camp.

Church camping gives our youth the opportunity to experience a variety of facets of living within a wider community in the out-of-doors.

What does church camp have to offer youth? How about swimming, boating (at Lake Barbee), crafts, music, hiking, cook-

outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction, organized recreation, a natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith in Jesus Christ. Camps are designed for youth entering grade three and older.

The Commission on Camps and Conferences of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has worked hard to design a program to meet the many needs of campers—social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Also, most importantly, camp is F-U-N!

Let's try not to think of church camp this summer as just another event to choose from, but as a tool for our youth to build spiritual foundations for life. Church camp isn't just an event - it's a future!

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March 28 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner - carry-in
Candidates, Mentors, Parents

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Class with Rev. Diane Zehr
Candidates, Mentors and Parents
DISCUSSION:
Study materials
Baptism and Membership
Gospel of Luke

ATTENTION: SUNSHINE FRIENDS

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Earl Snouffer in the recent death of Margaret Snouffer.

Our sympathy and prayers also go to the families of Gladys Hoop and Mildred Hogg as they both passed away last Saturday.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 17, 1996

Andrew & Lori Brehn, 4830 Fairfield Avenue 46807.

"AT HOME" SPECIAL CARE LIST

Clifton & Rebecca Bowman, 3412 Thames Drive 46815
Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809
Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835
Jack Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819
Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808
Colleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807
Charles Whisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835
Fern Kenline - Room 507
Freda Flaugh - Room 104
Courtland Health & Rehab. Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805
Dorothy Green - Room 113
Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819
Valetta Parlette - Room 410
Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805
Irene Kissinger - Room 32
Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816
Paul Waugh - E333
Velma Hechler - Room 110
Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835
Bernice Montgomery - Room 317
Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819
Lou Simmons - Room 105
St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805
Ressie Ehresman - Room 324-C
Golden Rose- Room 208-A
Ruth Norton - Room 117-A
Woodview Healthcare, Inc. 3420 E. State Blvd. 46805
Walter Bowen - Room 109

WHAT IS A SUNSHINE FRIEND??

There are 16 people who have selected to devote a portion of their personal time to calling and visiting our special members that are confined to their personal homes, retirement homes or nursing care.

We have approximately 25 members who fit into one of the three categories and for your enlightenment we are listing those members. We ask that you keep them in your prayers and perhaps send them a personal greeting.

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(over for listing)

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7:00 p.m. Administrative Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 277:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
206 S. Seminole Circle**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

6:00 p.m. Candidate/Mentor/Parent Dinner

7:00 p.m. Class with Rev. Diane Zehr

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

10:30 a.m. Sacrificial Luncheon

Members Birthdays-
March 26-April 1Edwin Hall(27), James Buchanan(28),
Linda Hendrickson(28), Lelia Arnos(28),
Pat Booher(29), Sylvia Smith(29), Violet
Manes(29), Chris Murray(30). Gladys
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HOLY WEEK BEGINS MARCH 31

MARCH 31 - PALM SUNDAY

During the 10:45 a.m. service the choir and children will process in Biblical costume re-enacting the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Come and join in this celebrative event of the beginning of Holy Week.

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**SACRIFICIAL
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MAUNDY THURSDAY



a re-enactment of the
LAST SUPPER

7:30 P.M. - Thurs. April 4th, 1996

WHAT IS A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND?

This is a great time for couples who want to "get-a-way" and spend some quality time together and work on strengthening their marriage. This is not for couples with deep conflictual issues, but is for those whose marriages are okay, but want to make them better. There will be a time with the whole group and time for you to be off on your own. It is a time of great fellowship and growth.

We also have a special opportunity to go to Beef-n-Boards Dinner Theater on Saturday night. The musical is "Godspell" and the cost is \$37.50 per couple (usual price is \$37.00 per person). This is for dinner and the show (this part is optional).

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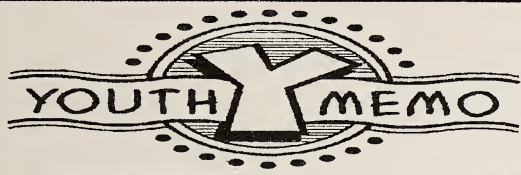
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Fern Kenline has been moved to room 210 at Arbors.

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SERVING MARCH 31**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** John Ohneck & Lauren Ewing**10:45 a.m.** Sue Oden & Sam Hayes**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, K. Blocher, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J. Davis,
C. Duncan, D. McEvoy, J. Franklin,
M. Mullen**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, D. Graham, K. Graham**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew,**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

C. Ludwig - J. Ott

J. Kelly - J. Mey

- C. Ewing

D. Oden - E. Vandergriff

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Diana Norton

ACOLYTES

Tim Jarrett

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Kathy Blocher**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

10:30 a.m. Sacrificial Luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:00 p.m. New Member Class

4:15 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, APRIL 17:00 p.m. Women's Life Group at Kathy
Blocher's, 2521 Clara Ave.**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

12:00 noon D.M.A. at Charkey's on West
State and then tour Children's Zoo

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 51:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at St.
John's Baptist on Hanna St.

6:00 p.m. Prayer Chain Begins

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 a.m. Easter Bunny Breakfast

Members Birthdays-**April 2-8**Leo Heimann(2), Sylvia Engle(3), Wes
Westerfield(4), Anne Shirley(5), Sharon
Pauley(5), Genevieve Ripple(6), Reba
Fusselman(6), Scott Keebortz(6)Published
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EASTER SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.



There will be a special Easter Breakfast between services from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcomed.

The Bells and Choir will join us with an Easter message from Rev. Zehr. You won't want to miss it.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

**AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4800 S. CALHOUN - 744-3239
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 8 A.M.**

**AGES 1 YEAR-5TH GRADE
\$2.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES
BREAKFAST, MAGIC SHOW,
EGG HUNT, AND A VISIT WITH
THE EASTER BUNNY.**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET
FOR THE EGG HUNT.**

From Here to Zehr

THE HANDS OF JESUS

In our society, we believe that the punishment we give to convicted criminals should not be cruel or inhumane. However, the Romans worked at making their punishment cruel. The victim of a crucifixion literally died a thousand deaths. And so it was with Jesus on the cross. He suffered and died at the hands of the Roman soldiers. Whenever we doubt that suffering, all we have to do is look at his hands. It is his hands which remind us of the suffering he experienced.

I read a story recently about a little boy who sat staring at his mother's hands. Finally, he asked, "Mama, why are your hands so ugly?"

The mother was quiet for a moment. Then, she said, "Jason, one day when you were almost three years old, you were playing in the backyard. Some older boys in the neighborhood were playing with matches in the alley. They built a fire and left it burning when they left. You toddled up to the fire and fell. The flames caught your shirt on fire. I heard you screaming. I rushed out of the house. I beat the flames out with my hands. You were scarcely burned, but my hands were burned and scarred terribly. That's why my hands are so ugly."

The little boy looked up at his mother with a smile on his face and said, "Mama,

your hands aren't ugly, they're beautiful."

A poet, looking at the hands of Jesus, wrote:

*They nailed those
beautiful, blessed hands
To the cruel, bitter cross,
And there in agony untold,
He bore our shame and loss.
Beautiful hands of Jesus!
I hope someday to see.
Those wonderful, loving,
nail-scarred hands
That were pierced
on Calvary.*

It is the hands of Jesus which remind us that the cross of Calvary was no picnic. Jesus went to the cross and suffered. Isaiah wrote of the Messiah, "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities." Whenever we doubt that Jesus suffered at the cross, all we have to do is look at his hands. The print of the nails will remind us that "He was wounded for our transgressions."

—Robert Allen,
His Finest Days, pg. 34

Peace,

Jerry

CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

April 7 Easter Sunday Worship Service.

Baptism and Membership.

Candidates - meet by the church office at 10:15 a.m.

Mentors and Representatives lighting candles meet in the Narthex by 10:20 a.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN

We are taking reservations for the Men's Retreat trip to the Promise Keepers Rally May 10 and 11. Ticket Price - \$60.00. Please call either Brian Prechtl or the church office to register.

Promises to be a mountaintop experience!

THANK YOU

Dear Christian Friends,

The family of Margaret Snouffer wish to thank all of you for your love and concern for us at the time of our great loss.

Earl Snouffer, Marilyn Ginny,
Charles and Joe

ATTENTION: SUNSHINE FRIENDS

On Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. we will have a breakfast for all of those who are "Sunshine Friends". (Place to be determined). Please call the church office (744-3239) or George Bruckman at 485-0168 for your reservation.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 31, 1996

Greg & Jenny Baitz, 4857 Coventry Parkway 46804; Don Connett, 2713 St. Louis Avenue 46809.

PRAYER VIGIL

Following is the schedule for our Prayer Vigil. There will be devotional material to enhance your prayer time.

Friday, April 5

3:00 p.m. - McGrew's
4:00 p.m. - McGrew's
5:00 p.m. - Danielle Favory and Brenda Kelly
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Life Group
7:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Life Group
8:00 p.m. - Ralph & Judy Church
9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Teachers
10:00 p.m. - Men's Life Group
11:00 p.m. - Men's Life Group
Midnight - Leo & Donna Heimann

Saturday, April 6

1:00 a.m. - Bill Franklin
2:00 a.m. - Laura York
3:00 a.m. - Sam Hayes
4:00 a.m. -
5:00 a.m. - George Cole
6:00 a.m. - Kris & John Ohneck
7:00 a.m. - McGrew's and Kristen Geroff
8:00 a.m. - Karen Scott and Family
9:00 a.m. - DMA Group
10:00 a.m. - Mildred Hartman
11:00 a.m. - Mildred Hutchinson
12:00 noon - Choir/Bell Group
1:00 p.m. - Bill & Joan Franklin

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PRAYER VIGIL CONTINUEDSaturday, April 6

2:00 p.m. - Ruby Mowery
3:00 p.m. - Vincent Wells
4:00 p.m. - Wilbur and Doris Snook
5:00 p.m. - Estel and Lori Vandergriff
6:00 p.m. - Bill & Joan Franklin
7:00 p.m. - Brey Family
8:00 p.m. - Women's Life Group
9:00 p.m. - Richard Mey and Joel Wilson
10:00 p.m. - Elder's
11:00 p.m. - Elder's
12:00 midnight - Greg Kuhn

Sunday, April 7

1:00 a.m. - Pat Mullen
2:00 a.m. -
3:00 a.m. -
4:00 a.m. -
5:00 a.m. - Sharon Pauley
6:00 a.m. - Phyllis Lahr

If you will notice, we still have **four** empty spaces. If you could give an hour of your time to fill these four empty spaces, please call Margaret Prechtel at 745-2245.

125TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Have you signed up yet? You will want to make sure your picture is in our special anniversary edition. Everyone who gets their picture included in the directory will receive a free directory. They will be taking pictures April 24-27. This is for all active, inactive members and all friends of the church. The more people we get to sign up for their pictures, the more free activities, pages in the directory we will receive. There is no cost to you, so please help us out!



FLOWERS GIVEN FOR EASTER

- *Mrs. Robert Nulf* - In memory of Mr. Robert Nulf
- *Wilbur and Doris Snook* - In memory of their son, Charles Williams
- *Harold Nordblom* - In memory of Edna Nordblom
- *Wells Family* - In memory of Connie Wells
- *Jessie Fern Woodward* - In memory of Grant F. Woodward, husband
- *Jessie Fern Woodward* - In memory of Linda Kirtley, daughter
- *Jessie Fern Woodward* - In memory of Jeanne Feltenberger, friend
- *Jessie Fern Woodward* - In memory of Bill & Mamie Caldwell, friends
- *Genevieve Ripple and Wanda Ingmire* - In memory of Rolland Ripple & Carolyn Bernhard
- *Ralph and Judy Church* - In memory of Nick Keirn
- *Eric and Marilyn Rieke* - In loving memory of Gladys Hoop
- *Richard and Judy Mey* - In honor of son-in-laws - Stephan Marshall, Air Force and Michael Mader, Army
- *Karen F. Scott* - In memory of daughter, Mischelle Lynn Poiry
- *Mark Snyder* - In memory of Pauline Snyder
- *Paul and Ruth Yentes* - In honor of their granddaughter, Danielle Favory
- *Ed and Sue Allen* - In memory of Greg Allen
- *McGrew's* - In honor of Kristen Geroff
- *Carolyn, Gary, Brandon, Adam and Holly Falbe* - In memory of Art & Lillian Busse
- *Tawnia and Cearstin Comer* - In memory of Elizabeth Buck
- *Jana June Kern and Her Parents* - In memory of Jana June Kern's grandmothers, Janice Gildow and June Kern



**"Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he had done marvelous things."**

Psalms 98:1 NRSV

Alleluia! It's almost Easter - a time when we proclaim the resurrection and celebrate God's promise of making all things new.

Your gift to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Easter Special Day Offering for Basic Mission

Finance helps to share new life and the spirit of the Gospel through hundreds of ministries in North America and more than 85 countries around the world.

The Outreach Team has created a BMF partnership locally to emphasis the kinds of ministries that your offerings make possible all over the world. You'll get to meet some of the lives that you have helped to change. You'll see how the power of love through Jesus Christ can perform miracles. The local ministry is called "Abundant Life Ministries". You'll get to know them and they will get to know us over the next few months as we partner to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting in our community and around the world.

ATTENTION YOUTH

Easter Sunday - no youth meeting!

PLEASE NOTE

STRINGS & STARS has been postponed to a later date!

NOTE CHANGE

The **Good Friday Service** has been changed to True Love Baptist Church, 715 E. Wallace Street from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

SERVING APRIL 7**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Kris Ohneck & Glenn Miller**10:45 a.m.** Eileen Klepfer & Eunice Conrad**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** D. Keebortz, T. Knuckles, J. Ott,
J. Young**10:45 a.m.** C. Ewing, C. Falbe, J. McGrew,
J. Mounsey, B. Smith,
E. Yeoman**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, J. Young, S. Rudy**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, S. Brey, C. Falbe**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Biers & S. Brickley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

No Coffee Hour

ACOLYTES

Melissa Brey & Elissabeth Olson

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 87:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's,
10330 Tillman Road**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Administrative Ministry Team

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 107:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
206 S. Seminole Circle**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

8:00 a.m. Sunshine Friend Breakfast

Members Birthdays-**April 9-15**Donald Kampenga(9), Ann Sands(9),
Linda Cobb(9), Charles Ludwig(10), Betty
Grimm(10), Becky Glasgow(12), Adam
Hayes(12), Margaret Precht(14), Golden
Rose(14), Gary Kern(14), Ruth Yost(15)**FIRST
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PK - WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME

On May 10, 70,000 men will converge on the Pontiac Silverdome, outside of Detroit, Michigan for an extraordinary event. It is not a sporting event but a gathering of Christian men - and among those 70,000 will be thirty men from First Christian Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We will leave the church at noon on Friday, May 10 and return by 9:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11. The cost is \$60.00 a man plus hotel accommodations (\$20 or \$40) depending on how crowded you want to be. Do not let finances keep you from attending, we have scholarship money available for anyone who would like to attend but to whom the fee poses an obstacle.

You may wonder why should I go to a Promise Keeper's conference? A good question, and I don't think that I could answer that question any better than this gentleman who wrote the following post which I found on a Promise Keeper's forum on the internet:

Why do you want to go to a Promise Keepers Conference? Your question led to a sudden flood of images/thoughts. One weekend; a cool evening, early morning and mid-afternoon showers, humid and hazy late afternoon, then another cool evening...The conference starts like most church services/revivals/religious events. Then the obvious hits you. You are standing in a nationally-known football stadium full of 50,000+ men. Not for a sports event. Not even for a show or concert. You are there with one purpose in mind - to lift up the name of Jesus, and to join together in a united effort to praise a holy God.

I experienced one of my most intimate moments with Christ while standing in the midst of 50,000 shoeless men in RFK stadium. "Standing on holy ground..."

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From Here to Zehr

What a wonderful week! I thank God for all the gifts and talents of our community of faith. Beginning with a great Palm Sunday worship, the re-enactment of the Last Supper on Thursday, the Prayer Vigil, the Easter Bunny Breakfast, and the Easter worship services, I experienced all of the emotions that go with Holy Week. I hope you did too.

We had 21 adult and youth making their confession of faiths last Sunday. What a great witness to the reign of God. Christ

has been "let loose in the world," I hope you will live in the spirit of the resurrection this week!

I'm looking forward to this Sunday as we begin our journey together as the Easter people!! I hope to see you this Sunday in worship and Sunday School.

Peace,

Jerry

LATEST ON BASEBALL!

At last count, First Christian Church has 26 reservations for the big baseball promotion as the group of church members plan to attend an afternoon of the diamond sport at Fort Wayne's Memorial Stadium on Sunday, June 2.

Game time is 2:00 p.m. with a picnic luncheon with all the trimmings to be served beginning at about noon, right after First Christian's second worship service. Menus can be picked up at the office — see Diane Johnson, and be sure to drop off your ticket fees as the money needs to be turned in to the Wizard's front office by May 2. Reserved grandstand seats have been reduced to just \$5.00 per ticket for church members (adults and children alike), and also for friends of the church!

Come one, come all - let's go for 30 or 40 at the old ball park on Sunday, June 2.

And don't forget.....Rev. Jerry is set to sing the National Anthem before the first pitch!

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(4-7)	355	\$3,667.21	\$5,800.81
Year-to-date	202	\$51,340.94	\$50,366.11

IMAGES OF FAITH

"Images of Faith", an art show of Eastern Christian Icons & Hispanic Catholic Santos, will open at St. Francis College on Sat. May 11.

Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Congratulations to our new members and their families. The following had confession of faith on March 17, 1996 and baptism on April 7, 1996: **Danielle Favory, Kristen Geroff, Anna Lyons, and Joel Wilson.** We extend our thanks and appreciation to their mentors: Brenda Kelly, Rebecca Krull, Charles and Jean McGrew, and Julia Arnold.

Congratulations also to **Tim Jarrett** and his family. Tim's confession was given to our congregation on March 17, 1996. His baptism was celebrated at the First Christian Church in Greensburg, PA on April 7, 1996. A special thank you to Tim's mentors, Estel and Lori Vandergriff.

We also wish to welcome: **Lori Crouter, Tawnia & Shane Riddle, Wilbur & Doris Snook, Steve & Debbie Thieme, Diana Bennett, Orlan and Cathy Holmes and Family, Andy Brosey & Erin Boester, and Thomas & Laura Whitworth.**

Congratulations also to **John and Brenda Proegler.** **Derrick Lee Proegler** was dedicated on April 7.

THANK YOU'S

Many thanks go to the members of the Youth Fellowship and their adult leaders who cleaned at **A Baby's Closet**. It was dirty work but everyone worked hard. The basement is now being used for storage. The help was appreciated very much!

Teresa Hatten

A great big thank you to Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr and all those who helped to make Easter week so beautiful! Also, I wish to welcome all the new members!

Evelyn Yeoman



CYF and Chi Rho will meet at the regular time this coming Sunday - 5:00 p.m. at the church!



ADDITIONAL FLOWERS GIVEN FOR EASTER

- *John & Darci Mathis* - In Memory of Tom Leimbach.
- *Mrs. Ruby Mowery, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager and Family,*
and Andrew Lutz - In Memory of Shannon Lutz.

ATTENTION: SUNSHINE FRIENDS

On Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m. we will have a breakfast for all of those who are "Sunshine Friends". (Place to be determined). Please call the church office (744-3239) or George Bruckman at 485-0168 for your reservation.

STRINGS & STARS
TALENT SHOW
SUNDAY, APRIL 21
6:00 P.M.
COST: \$5.00
CALL 744-3239 FOR
YOUR RESERVATION

RECLAIMING THE DREAM - A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

April 26 & 27 - Cost: \$60.00 per couple. This includes room and Saturday breakfast and lunch.

If you want to go to Beef-n-Boards, it is \$37.50 extra. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church. Call the church office at 744-3239 for your reservation.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 7, 1996

Grace Gamez, 2428 S. Harrison Street 46807.

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CTS SPRING CONCERT

You are cordially invited to the Christian Theological Seminary Spring Concert, Monday April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Both of the CTS choirs, Cantors and Gospel Choir, will be singing in the Sweeney Chapel. Pat Mullen of this congregation sings in the Gospel

A BABY'S CLOSET SPONSORS CARNIVAL

"Caring For Your Kids" is the theme for a health carnival sponsored by First Christian Church, **A Baby's Closet**, and the Indiana State Department of Health Immunization Action Plan. It is for expectant parents and parents of infants and toddlers and their children. The Carnival will occur on April 20, 1996 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Free immunizations, sickle cell screening, dental screening and other health screenings will be available for children under 3 years old. Parents will have an opportunity to discover ways to have fun while parenting and to learn lots of health and safety tips during various 15 minute learning centers. The Indiana State Police and Parkview Memorial Hospital will conduct car seat inspections.

A moon walk, clowns and other fun activities have been planned for the children. Parents who participate will earn coupons to **A Baby's Closet** and will become eligible for many door prizes and other give-aways.

This outreach project will help many parents learn about healthy behaviors and responsibility and is one of the many ways that First Christian Church is serving the needs of the community. Volunteers are still needed, especially for children's activities. If you can help for 2 hours, please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 to volunteer.

CONTINUED FROM PG. 1-PROMISE KEEPERS

It is so humbling to have men whom you do not know praying for your salvation, and for your relationship with God, wife, family...I don't even know these men, yet they are around me, lifting up my family to God. Who am I to deserve such honor?

I rededicated my life and my family, replacing my stale, worldly-tolerant views with a fresh, passionate love of Christ. 'Born again'? How about 'Born anew'?

I prayed with a father and his teenaged son, for their relationship. I watched, awe-struck, as our Lord brought this tough, towering son back into his frail fathers' arms. They stood, locked together, tears streaming from both, an embrace quietly admitted not felt between them since the son's early, pre-teen years. I remember thinking, "Christ is here". He was standing right with this father and son, His arms around theirs. He was going home with them, too.

50,000 men, all ages, all races, all denominations, all culture, together praying, worshipping, praising the Living God.

Have you heard 50,000 men sing? I have. I will never forget that solid sound of men, locked in arms, lifting their voices unashamedly to our Lord. My wife volunteered in the administrations/operations area. She and a few other female volunteers took a break and walked near an opening to hear which speaker was on stage. The sound of us men singing brought them all to tears. Not because of our lack of note, although my singing usually brings tears to anyone within hearing range (I try to blend in, but....) For them, this sweet, deep sound brought to them the realization of what they were volunteering for - not for an organization, nor for a bunch of men in purple/red/green golf shirts, but for the sound of Christ moving within the men.

Watching a football stadium full of men turn away from the playing field, stretch their arms out to a nation's capital that is hurting so deeply. We prayed for a city, a country, a world that is lost.

We held our hands high. We lifted each other's hands higher. We watched as pastors flooded the stadium floor, then knelt and wept under God's grace. These men of God, they have dedicated their life, their family's life, to teach me and my family how to talk with God, and to tell me of God's unending desire to know me completely.

Saturday afternoon, eating boxed lunches with men who have driven two straight days, and are sleeping in a bus, just to stand with other men in Christ.

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Only Jesus Christ will accept you completely and unconditionally with "no questions asked." Not Promise Keepers, Christian men's business groups, Knights of Columbus, Masonry, ...

Why did I attend PK '95 at RFI stadium in Washington D.C.? Because a godly man I attend church with left his comfort zone, and asked me to go with him. I would never have gone on my own.

Promise Keepers will not save you, your friends, your dad, or even your teenaged son. Only Jesus Christ will do this.

Promise Keepers just makes the stadium reservations.

God does not ask us to be perfect. He asks only that we make ourselves available for Him. We are somehow able to find the time to make ourselves available for work, play and other meetings and commitments. Will you make yourself available for a meeting with God? If so, reserve a ticket to the PK conference through Brian Prechtel at 745-2245 or the church office at 744-3239.

Your Brother in Christ,

Brian Prechtel

SERVING APRIL 14**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Charles Ludwig & Chuck Ewing**10:45 a.m.** Charles McGrew & Charles Hatten**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, A. Cook,
J. Lindsay**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, L.
McFarland, M. McFarland, E. Place, K.
Place, E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Davis, A. Cook**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K.
Place, J. McGrew**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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Blocher's, 2521 Clara Ave.**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. WOE Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 177:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
206 S. Seminole Circle**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

11:00 a.m. A Baby's Closet Carnival

Members Birthdays-**April 16-22**John Weyer(16), Diane Freimuth(16),
Derrick Farr(17), Bob Mitchell(18), Kathryn
Cullen(19), Arlene Downes(20), Opal
Carper(21), Karen Zimmerman(21), Julia
Arnold(21), Jack Hayes(22)

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THIS SUNDAY EVENING

5:00 P.M. - COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION - 744-3239

This is a night of food and show at First Christian Church. Come and enjoy all of the great acts prepared to entertain you!!!

From Here to Zehr

I received this note last week from a young couple who had been members here and got transferred. Even though they were not able to be in Fort Wayne a long time, it is nice to hear that the ministry we share in together make a difference. Hallelujah - Christ is Risen!

A Note from Graham Baughman

Jerry Zehr and church,

Thank you for sending the newsletter over the years. Molly and I are doing well. Since moving to Canton from Fort Wayne, we have since relocated to Ashland, KY (closer to home). We have a two year old

daughter (Carter Anne), and I hope to have more children. Since you got Molly and involved with Chi Rho, we led the CCF in Canton, and began a Young Adults group in Ashland. We currently teach High School Sunday School. We hope to visit Fort Wayne real soon. It is exciting to see the changes First Christian has gone through - good luck. Keep sending the newsletter!

Thank you for getting us involved at our First Church as a married couple - I have paid dividends for us!

Peace,

Jerry

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND - APRIL 26 & 27

Drury Inn, Indianapolis. Cost-\$60.00. Keynoters: Rev's. Jerry and Diane Zehr. Deadline for registration is April 22. Don't put it off. Make your reservation today.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Have you signed up for the Pictorial Directory? The dates are April 24-27. Call the church office to get your name on the list!!

THANK YOU

Thank you, Jerry, Diane and Parents of our new members. The beautiful message and flowers presented to me Easter morning were appreciated. The flowers have a prominent place in my new home. When I admire them, I will think of you and the kindness you extended to me.

Sincerely,
Brenda Kelly
ALSO.....

A big thank you to Dick Mey who was inadvertently omitted from our list of mentors in last weeks newsletter. Thank you Dick!

joys & concerns

We wish to welcome Walter Bowen back home!

Our prayers are with Opal Carper and her family.

Congratulations to Diane Johnson in the birth of a granddaughter born on April 12.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN

We are taking reservations for the Men's Retreat trip to the Promise Keepers Rally May 10 and 11. Ticket price - \$60.00. Please call either Brian Precht or the church office to register.

Deadline is April 28. Promises to be a mountaintop experience!

TO: CWF.....

If you have a Blessing Box to turn in, please give to Evelyn Yeoman before May 1.

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NEEDED.....

We are in desperate need of coffee mugs for our fellowship coffee hour which we have every Sunday following 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you could spare an old one from your home, please leave in the kitchen. Thank you.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 14, 1996

Mark McCulloch, 515-3 Cedar Glen Drive 46825; Rob Wilder, 4729 Pleasant Valley Drive 46825.



**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

First Thursday of May

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 1996

Theme: Honor God

Allen County Calendar of Events

April 27 6:30 p.m. Concert of prayer

Praying for the Youth. Everyone encouraged to attend.

At Greater Mt. Ararat Baptist Church

2111 Edsall Avenue

Song Leader: Marshall White

Prayer Leaders: Joe Mann, Mike Lee

May 2 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Pastors' Prayer Time

First Wayne Street United Methodist Church

300 East Wayne Street

May 2 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. City-Wide Prayer Service

Freiman Square

Interdenominational Gathering

May 2 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Public Proclamation of God's Word

City-County Building

Come and be part of reading the entire Bible.

May 2 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. National Broadcast in Washington DC

Public viewing and participation at First Assembly of God

Hobson and Coliseum

Or tune into Public Access Channel 10.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(4-14)	182	\$3,667.21	\$1,698.88
Year-to-date	201	\$55,008.15	\$52,064.99

SERVING APRIL 21**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Lauren Ewing

10:45 a.m. Kathy Blocher & Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Bier, B. Bier, G. Brown

10:45 a.m. B. Smith, K. Bushey, J. Davis,
C. Duncan, D. McEvoy, J. Franklin,
J. Mey, A. Moll

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Stover, K.
Howard, R. Wise

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

11:00 a.m. A Baby's Closet Carnival

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Strings & Stars

MONDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Nominating
Committee Meeting at the church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
206 S. Seminole Circle

FRI. & SAT., APRIL 26 & 27

Marriage Enrichment in Indianapolis

Members Birthdays-**April 23-29**

Becca Widmer(23), Megan Geroff(23),
Dick Mey(23), Grady Vanderwall(24), Vera
Watson(25), Jessie Fern Woodward(28)

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ATTENTION ALL MEN!

Do you want a mountaintop experience? Do you want an experience that will rejuvenate your life? Do you want to go to an event that will have a lasting positive effect?

Come with us to Pontiac, Michigan to the Silverdome for Promise Keepers '96 - May 10 and 11. Cost: \$60.00. We will leave together from the church on Friday and come back Saturday night. We already have 18 men going.

Call your reservation into the church at 744-3239 or call Brian Precht.

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From Here to Zehr

Many people are always saying there is nothing good to watch on T.V. Well, if you haven't seen "Touched by an Angel" on Saturday nights you need to watch it. The story lines are almost better than my sermons! It's a great show that the whole family can watch and the story lines are not corny but real life issues. It's on CBS at 8:00 p.m.

Also, if you want a good movie to see, Mr. Holland's Opus is one of the best movies Diane and I have seen in a long time. This is a good film for the whole family.

Want a good book to read? "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" by Dr. John Gray. It is a clear and concise

book about the differences and similarities between men and women. It is funny but it's right on in many places.

Also, the church has bought the video series for couples by Dr. Gray for marriage, intimacy and relationships if you want to check it out. Call Diane Zehr.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. If you have a good book, movie, or T.V. show to recommend to the community, send me a synopsis, we'll put it in the newsletter!

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THE STARS WERE OUT!

Our 4th annual Strings & Stars was a great evening!

Thanks to Kris Ohneck, our chef, Lori Crouter, our talent coordinator, Brent Jarrett and Jennifer Mounsey and all the youth (servers), and all the great talent!!

Start working on your act for next year!

Joys
&
Concerns

Walter Bowen is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Our prayers are with Opal Carper and her family.

Jane Harts is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

HEY, MOM! FEELING TIRED, UNAPPRECIATED AND BURNED OUT?

Come and spend the day with other moms in a "convention" for Mothers! You will hear speakers tell you how to prevent "burn-out" and how to put out the fire if you're already burning! You'll reaffirm the importance of your job as a mother. You will better understand the Motherhood is a life-long career and learn how to leave a legacy to your children and grandchildren. You will learn lots of practical ideas for children's crafts, activities, and meals. You will be entertained and dined (but not whined!). Leave your children and your cares at home and come spend the day with us.

MOTHERHOOD: A CAREER

a mini-convention sponsored by
AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC.

SAT., MAY 4, 1996 - 10:30-3:30

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (U.S. 24 AND I-69)

FORT WAYNE, IN.

COST: \$15.00

CALL BECCA WIDMER TO REGISTER - 672-8720

CONFESSION OF FAITH GIVEN BY CANDIDATES

March 17, the Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class celebrated Confession of Faith at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

The mentors introduced the candidates, then the candidates read their statements to our congregation.

Below is a complete list of the candidates and their mentors.

Danielle Favory - Brenda Kelly and Rebecca Krull

Kristen Geroff - Charles and Jean McGrew

Tim Jarrett - Estel and Lori Vandergriff

Anna Lyons - Julia Arnold

Joel Wilson - Richard Mey

Those of us who participated in this program wanted to reach out and share this experience with each member of our church family, so each persons statement will follow:

Brenda Kelly and Rebecca Krull - Mentors

It is an honor to introduce Danielle Favory and her parents, Linda and Greg Wiley. Danielle is a 6th grade student at Kekionga Middle School. She is a straight A student and helps other classmates by tutoring.

Danielle wants a good education so she can become a teacher. Her interests are basketball, volleyball and cheerleading. She brings to this congregation her happi-

ness and a kind smile shining with God's love. We have enjoyed our special time with Danielle and welcome her to our congregation.

Danielle Favory - Candidate

I have decided to follow Jesus Christ, because I have learned that he means alot to me in my life. He has not only helped me through the years in my life, but also those of my friends and families. I would like to thank my mentors, Brenda Kelly and Becky Krull, for helping me to learn everything they know about the Lord, Jerry and Diane Zehr and the Congregation for their help and support, my grandparents, Ruth and Paul Yentes and my parents, Linda and Greg Wiley for encouraging me to follow the teachings of Jesus, and my sister Erin Favory, for always being there for me. But most of all I would like to thank Jesus Christ for coming into my life and making me a better person.

Charles and Jean McGrew - Mentors

Charles and I would like to introduce Kristen Geroff, daughter of Peter and Susan Geroff.

Kristen attends Geyer Middle School. She plans to become a veterinarian. Kristen is an athlete and a scholar, maintaining A grades while a member of the basketball and volleyball teams. She is good natured,

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**Confession of Faith - continued
from page 4**

fun and loves God. (Jean McGrew)

Kristen has never missed a mentoring class this spring. A pure indication of her commitment in preparing for this lifetime decision.

Jean and I feel blessed in being able to mentor Kristen and previously Megan, her sister. The Geroffs are raising two handsome, polite and devoted daughters. We are honored to know them. (Chuck McGrew)

Kristen Geroff - Candidate

I'm deciding to be baptized because I believe in God and all his miracles. This mentoring program has really taught me alot.

I'd really like to thank my mentors, Mr. and Mrs. McGrew. They spent alot of time helping me and now I know alot more about God.

Estel and Lori Vandergriff - Mentors

We would like to introduce to you Tim Jarrett. Estel and I have been sharing the responsibility of mentoring Tim, Caring, deep thinking, and kind are all words that describe Tim, as well as feisty, fair minded, and full of life. Due to the short time that Tim and his family have spent with our congregation, Tim has chosen to be baptized at his home church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. He attended First Christian there for five years, and as the Jarretts will soon be moving to Ohio I

think Tim's decision as to where to be baptized shows a great deal of spiritual maturity. Tim has a gentle spirit and a good heart, and Estel and I have been honored to share a little of our faith journey with him. I know that Tim will be a wonderful warrior for God, and our prayers will follow him wherever the Lord may lead him.

Tim Jarrett - Candidate

First I would like to say that I have enjoyed spending time with Mr. and Mrs. Vandergriff and getting to know them. I'm getting baptized because I feel I am ready to make this commitment. This is going to be a big step in my life. I'm getting baptized because I feel I am ready to take part in communion which represents Christ's body and blood. I really want to get baptized. Getting baptized makes me feel more Christ Like.

Julia Arnold - Mentor

I would like to introduce Anna Lyons. Anna is in the 8th grade at Miami Middle School, where she plays 1st trumpet in the jazz band.

I have enjoyed my time with Anna as her mentor. Her faith journey has lead her to come closer to Jesus. Anna brings a youthful outlook to our church.

Anna Lyons - Candidate

As I'm baptized I'll know this is my first step in following the path of Christ and if I lose my way he'll always be there to guide me back. Thank you to Julia and my family, their patience is truly a virtue.

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Confession of Faith - continued from page 5**Dick Mey - Mentor**

I would like to introduce Joel Wilson and his parents Shari and Jeff Grier and Garland Wilson.

Joel and I have discovered things about the Bible and how God works in our lives and had some fun doing it.

We have some things in common - Joel is a runner, I also ran.

I feel this relationship Joel and I share will help us both in our lives. I feel Joel will be a great asset to our church.

Joel Wilson - Candidate

I would like to thank Jerry for helping me go through my baptism, and I would like to thank Dick Mey for helping me to get on the right path to God, and I would like to thank the congregation for all their support. Thank you.

Candidates were baptized April 7 at the 10:45 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service. Congratulations to our new members, their families and mentors.

Tim Jarrett was baptized on April 7 at the First Christian Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

D.M.A. MAY MEETING

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Deborah Ruth Richardson, 2516 Bowser Avenue, Apt. 3 46803.

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Keebortz, T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. C. Ewing, C. Falbe, J. McGrew,

J. Mounsey, E. Rieke, S. Brickley,

E. Yeoman

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, S. Rudy, C. Davis**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Gorman, B.

Bond, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17:00 p.m. LIFE Group at Deb Lehman's,
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Ray Stover(4), Lea Jackson(5), Nick
Lyons(5)

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FAMILY CAMP FOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AUG. 24(SAT.) & AUG. 25 (SUN.)



This summer we are going to have a Family Camp for the "family" of First Christian Church. We will be going to Camp Barbee which is only 45 minutes away from Fort Wayne.

Camp Barbee has cabins, a retreat house, hook-ups for R.V. trailers, and tent sites. There is a lake for canoeing (they have canoes), and fishing.

Also, Barbee Lake is just a stone throw away and you can water ski and tube there.

We will have time on Saturday for group fellowship and a lot of free time to play! There is also volleyball, tennis, basketball courts, and a softball diamond. Maybe we will have a church softball game! Saturday night we will have a cookout and have skits around the camp fire, and Sunday morning we will have worship down at the lake.

There will be more information about the cost but because it is a Disciple camp ground, it is really reasonable.

Mark these dates and plan on coming with your church family to "Family Camp '96".

From Here to Zehr

Following is a note from Pat Mullen regarding her Sunday School class:

I have had the pleasure of teaching the Jr. & Sr. High School Sunday School Class for the past two and a half years. They are a great group of kids and First Christian Church should be proud of their dedication.

Last Sunday I gave them a new challenge, I told them that for all of this time I had been teaching them what I thought they should know, and now I wanted them to tell me what they want to know. I was absolutely delighted by the response, so here are some of the things we are going to talk about:

So, if God made the world in seven days where do the dinosaurs fit in?

Did Jesus know he was the Messiah when he was a child?

Should I take communion before I'm baptized?

Why are there separate races?

Why do we talk about all these Bible people all the time, they're dead?

Why didn't we choose to do the building addition? (any many more questions).

We have our work cut out for us in the next four Sundays. If there are other youth out there who do not attend Sunday School or who have in the past and might be interested in these topics, please join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Pat Mullen



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JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen has gone to Ohio to stay with his son.

Elinor Place fell and broke her metatarsal bone in her foot. Also, Virginia Bruckman cracked her metatarsal bone in her foot.

Wilbur Snook is home from the hospital.

Ruth Truesdell had outpatient surgery last week.

Charles Wrisk will have prostrate surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Our prayers are with Ed & Sue Allen as their son, Ed Allen, Jr., from St. Louis, is recuperating from a heart attack.

Congratulations to Scott & Laurie Berry in the birth of a baby boy born on April 29!

I wish to thank the prayer chains of First Christian Church for all their prayers for my mother.

She's much better now and we

sincerely appreciate your prayers.

Betty Grimm



JUNE 2 WIZARD GAME UPDATE

Please check the bulletin board outside the church office for the menu selection for the pre-game picnic on June 2. Let George Cole or the church office know of your selection by the middle of May.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING - May 7 at 5:30 p.m.

ELDERS MEETING - May 7 at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot be there you need to call Ralph Church, Chairperson of the Elders.

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Zoe Brocks, 2907 Westbrook Drive, #209 46805; **Dennis Ley**, 4906 Vista Park Drive, New Haven, IN 46774.

FROM THE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank at First Christian had a big year in 1995. It provided food for 76,300 meals to 5,041 persons. Many of our clients are regulars, retirees on social security which doesn't go far enough, and young mothers on AFDC. But most clients are either working at low paying jobs or those who are temporarily out of work. Everyone in our district who asks for help receives it without having to pass some means test.

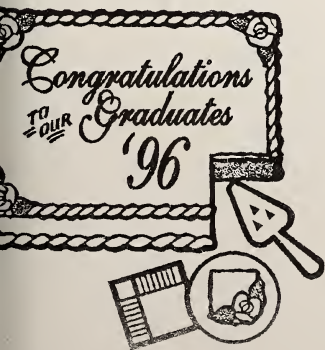
The first quarter of 1995 we averaged 82 client households a month. The first quarter of 1996 we are averaging 125 client households a month. This 50% increase in client load is frightening in that the first quarter of the year is typically the quietest.

There are two problems facing us. First, the volunteers are getting tired, we have only one who is not a retiree. Second and probably most important, donations of food and money have not increased. Associated Churches has had to stretch out their purchases, causing shortages of certain items. If our food bank buys these shortage items at a grocery store so that we can supply a balanced diet, and sometime I feel that we must do so, we have less money to send to Associated Churches for their purchasing. This seems to be a no-win situation.

The only way we are going to be able to continue to operate at the current level is if you increase your giving. I know that it is important to some of you to donate food items which are nutritionally necessary but don't get donated in sufficient quantity.

If you wish to continue to donate food for the hungry try to give a little more each time. If you donate money, please try to make your check a little larger. If you don't do either, now is the time to start, **PLEASE**. It will give you a good feeling knowing that you are helping someone. They may be nearer than you think. There have been a number of times when someone has come to the food bank, been embarrassed, and said, "I didn't think this would ever happen to me". Please help us help!

Yours in Christ,
Wes Westerfield



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

The Nurture/Education Ministry Team is asking for you to let us know of anyone in our congregation who will be graduating this spring. Please call Diane Johnson, the secretary, at 744-3239 to leave the name of your candidate for graduation.

We would like to recognize these persons in worship in June.

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McFarland, M. McFarland, E. Place, K.
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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Sara Davis Recital

TUESDAY, MAY 76:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

5:30 p.m. Capital Committee

7:00 p.m. Elders

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

5:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee

7:00 p.m. Jerry Zehr's PRC

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 10-11

Promise Keepers in Detroit

Members Birthdays-**May 7-13**Dave Arnos(7), Jackie Keller(8),
William Branstrator(8), YeeYee Kuhn(10),
Joan Franklin(10), Laurie Berry(12),
Christina Parker(12), Claire Ewing(12),
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MOTHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY MAY 12, 1996



IN HONOR OF
Mother

This Sunday we will honor all of the women of our church who have been given the greatest responsibility from God - to give birth and/or offer the mother energy of God to our world. We want to affirm all of the women of our church, and the nurturing and mothering that they offer to our world.

Brian Precht has written a special Mother's Day song that the men of our church will sing.

Rev. Diane Zehr will bring us a sermon on the special women of the Bible who cornered the word of God to our world.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR ALL MEN
SUNDAY MORNING 10:00 A.M.
IN THE SANCTUARY**

Moving from Disciple to Apostle? See **Here to Zehr** article, next page.

From Here to Zehr

Last Saturday I introduced the concept of moving from a disciple to an apostle. The scripture was about Mathias becoming the 13th disciple to replace Judas and the identifying of the 12 disciples now as apostles. What is the difference between a disciple and apostle?

A disciple is a follower, a student, of a teacher, where as an apostle is one who is "sent forth," to go out in the name of the master.

Many of us have been disciples for a long time studying, learning, praying, but now perhaps it can be a time when some of us understand ourselves in a new way, as apostles who take seriously our role not only to follow but to go out.

We need apostles - the ones who will be "sent forth" into the community. Are you one of the disciples who is willing to take that next step to become an apostle?

What would an apostle do? That is not for me to say, but for God to put on your heart. The main reason for apostles was that Christians needed leaders who would lead them into the world.

Maybe you feel commitment to visit the guests who have come to church. Maybe

you feel committed to be a leader of our Summer Youth Program or Vacation Bible School, and share the love of Christ with our community.

Maybe you feel committed to use your gifts in the larger community, volunteering your energy at Matthew 25, the Baby Closet, or the Food Bank, or some agency that represents Jesus Christ.

Maybe you have a burning desire to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ!

Whatever God has put on your heart, we want to affirm that desire and call. On May 19 in both services, we will invite those who desire to become apostles for our church to come forward and dedicate themselves to the Lord and the service of his church.

The church needs apostles! Jesus needs apostles! Pray and examine your heart that God may be calling you to move from a disciple to an apostle!

Peace,

Jerry



**FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON MAY 5, 1996**

Dawn, Lindsay, and Krystal Pierce, 3218 South Wayne Avenue 46807.

JUNE 2 WIZARD GAME UPDATE

Caps off to First Christians' baseball hungry fans! A total of 72 members and friends of the church signed up for the Sunday afternoon Fort Wayne Wizards' game for June 2nd - and they all paid their money for the reduced ticket prices. A check for the total amount was turned in to the Wizards' office last week.

The next step is for all those going to the contest to decide exactly what they want to eat in the pre-game picnic to be served two hours before the first pitch in the special Memorial Stadium area along the right field foul line. Check the menus which are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office — select from hot dogs to steak and let the office know what and how many.

By Friday, May 17 the Fanfare concessionaires, who will be doing the catering, need to know the full numbers so they can plan for the occasion. Do it now and all will be organized for the Sunday Wizards' Game. The individual prices cover the the entrees and sides — the baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, watermelon slices, and chips (buffet style), can be eaten as much or as little as desired without extra charge!

The church will be billed by invoice for your lunch, so please get your money in as soon as possible. Thank you!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Walter Bowen, Opal Carper, and Wilma Miller are at home.

Ed Allen, Jr., has gone home from the hospital also.

Congratulations to Lori Crouter who will be graduating from college in West Virginia this weekend.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A MODERN DAY MIRACLE?

This Saturday we will be helping the mail carriers collect food throughout Ft. Wayne. We will collect enough food to feed 10,000 people during the next year. We need your help to make this happen. The food will be used by the Associated Churches food bank system. How can you help? We need people to walk the route with the mail carriers and also to help sort food at the warehouse. Our youth group will be helping but we need some adults to help also. Please call me or the church office if you can help. You can help all day or just a couple hours. I promise that you will see a miracle this Saturday.

Charlie Hatten

The Laymen (Armor bearers) Ministry of
Greater Progressive Baptist Church is
proud to present
"The Ministry Of Reconciliation"



Featuring annointed guest speaker
- DR. RIGGINS EARL -
Professor of Theology, Author,
Man of God

Experience true rejuvenation as we come to the honest realization:
NOW is the time for Brothers and Sisters of **ALL** colors and cultures
to unite as one big Christian Family for the glorification of our Lord
and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday - Thursday - Friday*
May 15th - 16th - 17th, 1996
7:00 pm

* Dr. Earl will also preach at our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:45 am.

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(219) 744-6235

SUNSHINE FRIENDS

Sunshine Friends are church members who devote time to contacting our members who are unable to be directly involved in our congregational activities. (Many of our "Shut-Ins" have been members of our church when we were located downtown).

Our Sunshine Friends make personal visits, phone calls, and send cards to these people and assist in an emergency whenever possible. We are enlightened by the response from our shut-ins relative to the Sunshine Friends and the Elders and Deacons Homebound Communion Programs. This effort is providing a Living Link to our shut-ins and these people should be praised for their efforts.

We have a need to strengthen these ties and our plan is to update our Audio Taping of Sunday Services; organize to have video's of church events (past and future) that can be "loaned" to those having a VCR.

We currently have available 2 loose-leaf books with pictures and dialogue of our Christmas "Journey to Bethlehem". We have shown these to some shut-ins and they try to identify each of you that participated.

Have we raised your curiosity???

Our Sunshine Friends are: Evelyn Yeoman, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Charles and Ruth Pugh, Elinor Place, Mimi Westerfield, Kathy Blocher, Charles and Jean McGrew, Delores Keebortz, Betty Grimm, and George Cole.



GRADUATION RECOGNITION

The Nurture/Education Ministry Team is asking for you to let us know of anyone in our congregation who will be graduating this spring. Please call Diane Johnson, the secretary, at 744-3239 to leave the name of your candidate for graduation.

We would like to recognize these persons in worship in June.

SERVING MAY 12**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Lauren Ewing & Charles Ludwig**10:45 a.m.** Sue Oden & Dave Kreischer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J.

Davis, D. Heimann, L. Heimann,

J. Mey

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Byrket**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K.

Place, J. McGrew

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ewing - C. Duncan

J. Kelly - D. McEvoy

E. Klepfer - M. McFarland

D. Oden - J. Mounsey

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 13

7:00 p.m. Men's Life Group at Dick Mey's

TUESDAY, MAY 14

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,

1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

12:00 noon D.M.A. at Botanical Gardens

6:30 p.m. Administrative Committee

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

THURSDAY, MAY 16

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 18

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

Members Birthdays-**May 14-20**

Matthew Busse(14), Lila Russell(15),

Mary New(15), Jane Wagoner(16), Sam

Hayes(17), Art Thomas(18), Tawnia

Comer(19), Jerry Zehr(19), Thelma

Onion(19), Earl Snouffer(19), Shirley

Howell(19)

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MUSICAL SUNDAY!

This Sunday our handbell and chancel choir will be ministering to us through a number of musical selections. If you love music, you won't want to miss this Sunday!

We thank God for those who have sang and played the handbells through the year. Let us come and show our support for the choirs as they conclude their season of music.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU SPRING BANQUET MONDAY, MAY 20, 1996

BANQUET

Please plan to attend the Spring Banquet on Monday, May 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. The speakers will be people from our own church community that do volunteer work in Fort Wayne. It is a way to hear how we work outside of our church family to help others in need in Fort Wayne. Maybe it will inspire us to become apostles, not disciples, as we will hear more about on Sunday, May 19.

Bring a salad or dessert.

From Here to Zehr

This last weekend I went with 20 of our men to Detroit for the Promise Keepers event. It was a great experience for all of us. I was thankful for the way they encouraged men to "tear down the walls" (the theme), that separate themselves from God and each other.

The speakers encouraged us to become better husbands, fathers and spiritual leaders for our church.

I was thankful how they encouraged us to be team mates with our wives in the spiritual leadership of the family.

I want to thank Brian Prechtl for his leadership and commitment to making this event happen for our church!

Peace,

Jerry

SUMMER BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

This summer we will have our summer program on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We need men and women to help us. We will have 20-25 youth each night, so we need a lot of help. We will have a sign-up sheet next Sunday.

WERE YOU OUT OF TOWN?

If you missed getting your picture in the pictorial directory and would still like to have it in our 125th anniversary edition, please call the church office or Karen Bushey at 747-3770. We have found a way to get your picture taken and still be in the directory. You must call this week!



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON MAY 12, 1996

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Lane, 1407 Lynn Avenue 46805.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

The school year is coming to a close. We will meet this Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m., and then have our summer kick-off gathering on June 9.

JUNE 2 WIZARD GAME AND PICNIC UPDATE

If you have not notified the office of your menu selection do so today!

Friday, May 17 the Fanfare concessionaires, who will be doing the catering, need to know the full numbers so they can plan for the occasion.

The church will be billed by invoice for your lunch, so please get your money in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Joys & Concerns

We thank all who offered their prayers and concern for our son "Chip."

Chip is with our National Benevolent Assoc. in Saint Louis, and their slogan is, "What we do best is care." We think they are emulating you folks at First Christian.

Sue & Ed Allen

Glenn and Lola Miller will be having their 70th anniversary on June 1. If you would like to send them a card for their anniversary, their address is:

5410 Butterfield Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Congratulations to Sue Knuckles in the birth of a granddaughter, Lindsay Ellis, born May 9. Sharon & Kent Ellis are the parents.

FUN RUN FOR OPENING CEREMONIES FOR GREATER THAN GOLD - SUN., JUNE 16

26 runner/walkers will sign up for 1 mile segments of a course that will take us from the church (beginning at coffee hour) and going to Foster Park, Johnny Appleseed Park, and back through town on Calhoun. We encourage a lot of folks to gather in the South Side High School parking lot at a time we'll designate closer to the day to run the last 1/2 mile and arrive back at the church later in the afternoon (probably about 4:00-5:00) for opening ceremonies of Vacation Bible School.

There will be music, lighting the torch and ice cream for all as well as a time to register for Vacation Bible School.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

The following is a listing of the camp schedules for the upcoming summer for youth. Call the church office (744-3239) if you would like a camp registration form. The church will pay a one-third scholarship for every camper.

<u>Barbee Christian Camp</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Directors</u>
<u>New Beginnings (\$70.00)</u> (Entering grades 3 & 4)	June 10-12 June 13-15	Vernon Stover/Diane Erickson Steve Workman/Vernon Stover
<u>Level I (\$136.00)</u> (Entering grades 5, 6 & 7)	July 1-6 July 15-20 August 5-10	Mark Anderson Steve Workman/Raymond Velez Mark O'Brien/Paul Champion
<u>Level II (\$136.00)</u> (Entering grades 8 & 9)	June 17-22 July 8-13 (*) July 22-27	Roger Gardner/Mary Jane Gregan-Dolphin David Kovalow-St. John/Sandy Hawk Neil Allen/Debrah Zuercher
<u>Level III (\$148.00)</u> (Entering grades 10, 11 & 12. Completing 12)	June 24-29 July 29-Aug. 3	Jenni Crowley/Charlie Mennono Debra Harmon/Rick Williams
<u>Young Adults (\$90.00)</u>	May 15-18	Kyle Harris
<u>Family Camp (Varying Fees)</u>	Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Carolyn Scanlon
<u>Bedford Christian Camp</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Directors</u>
<u>New Beginnings (\$70.00)</u> (Entering grades 3 & 4)	June 24-26 June 27-29	Will Jewsbury Sam Davenport
<u>Level I (\$136.00)</u> (Entering grades 5, 6 & 7)	June 17-22 July 8-13 July 22-27	John Williams/Mike Naylor Susan Salmon/Janet Pearl T.B.A.
<u>Level II (\$136.00)</u> (Entering grades 8 & 9)	July 1-6 July 29-Aug. 3	James Gazaway Bob Harris/Paula Peterson
<u>Level III (\$148.00)</u> (Entering grades 10 11, & 12. Completing 12)	July 15-20	Kyle Harris/Suzanne Cole

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(5-12)	222	\$3,667.21	\$4,292.40
Year-to-date	198	\$69,676.99	\$66,647.07

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Dorothy Green, Room 220-H

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805

Irene Kissinger, Room 32-1

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Paul Waugh, E333

Velma Hechler, Room 116

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 317-1

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Golden Rose, Room 208-A

Ruth Norton, Room 117-A

AT HOME:

Clifton & Rebecca Bowman, 3412 Thames Drive 46815

Walter Bowen, 1924 Senior Drive 46805

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809

Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM CONFESSION OF FAITH SUNDAY, MAY 19 - 10:45 AM SERVICE
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SERVING MAY 19**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Charles Ewing & Ralph Church**10:45 a.m.** Eileen Klepfer & John Kelly**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D.

Keebortz, T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. C. Ewing, C. Falbe, M. Mc-

Dougale, O. McDougale, J. McGrew, J.

Mounsey, M. Mullen, E. Yeoman

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, B. Stover, K.

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, MAY 13

6:00 p.m. Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MAY 216:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Bushey's Inc.,
1701 Fairfield Ave.

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:00 p.m. W.O.E. Ministry Team

Members Birthdays-**May 21-27**

Bob Hendricks(21), Lori Vandergriff(21), Amy Jenkins(21), Jay Bixenman(23), Jennifer Mounsey(23), Virginia Bruckman(25), Donald Smith(25), Harold Nordblom(26), Kristin Pena(26), Ron Wise(27)

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SPECIAL EDITION OF NUGGETS FOR "GREATER THAN GOLD"



What is Greater than all the Olympic Gold you could win? Loving God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and your neighbor as yourself.

That's why this year our Vacation Bible School will provide a time for getting fit in faith. We'll meet in the Olympic Village - the tent set up on the lawn and our own torch will be lit each night.

This issue of the newsletter will highlight the good news about what will be happening during this week.

Take a moment to read about it, and then be sure to share it with neighbors and friends and above all, we hope that **you'll come too!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN AN OLYMPIC VILLAGE

JUNE 17-20, 1996

6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

This last Sunday we had six of our members come forward in worship to become apostles for First Christian Church. Diane and I will meet with these six, pray with them, and help them develop a strategy for their journey over the next year.

Remember, a "disciple" is one who "follows," "studies under", and an "apostle" is one who "leads", "shares with."

It will be exciting to see how these six will help all of us reach out beyond ourselves and share our faith of Jesus

Christ.

The six people who came forward were: Becca Widmer, Eunice Conrad, Bill Franklin, Phyllis Lahr, Jean McGrew, and Kris Ohneck.

Please pray for them as they begin this journey!

Peace,

Jerry

RUMMAGE SALE SAT., JUNE 8

We are having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 8.

Please put clean items on the stage. We also need people to price the items the week of the 3rd of June.

Call Sue Brey at 447-3540 to volunteer. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY,
JUNE 9, 1996
9:30 A.M.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON MAY 19, 1996

Jon Haviland, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

On June 9 at 5:00 p.m. will be our Summer Kick Off Sunday. We want all the youth grades 6th-12th to come together. **Ovadis Cheetems** is our new student intern who will be working with the youth program. Let's make him feel welcomed! More info coming.

D.M.A. MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1996 12:00 NOON

A carry-in luncheon meeting will present Michael Mortensen who will address the group on "All you ever wanted to know about Alzheimer's disease."

CANDIDATE/MENTOR PROGRAM SPRING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

REMINDER.....

May 30 Candidates, Mentors and Parents will meet at the Southgate Pizza Hut for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Class with Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr will follow dinner at the church parlor.

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

John Truesdell had outpatient hernia surgery last week.

GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION

Janet and Jack Weicker will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 2 from 2:00 until 4:00. They were married in Bloomington, Indiana on May 29, 1946.

The Weickers have four children: John H. of Woodburn; Kathryn Ann Wathen of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Jane Elizabeth Wagoner of Columbia City; and Emily Jo Walton of Hartland, Michigan. The couple has eight grandchildren.

A cordial invitation to the "no gift" reception goes to all of their wonderful extended church family at First Christian.

WIZARD PICNIC HAS BEEN
CANCELLED! REFUNDS FOR
YOUR MEAL WILL BE SENT TO
YOU. THE GAME IS STILL ON
HOWEVER.

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THANKS TO THE CREATORS OF GREATER THAN GOLD

"Who thinks all this up?" is often the question we get as people see the excitement and learning generated by this week.

This year thanks and cheers are offered to these people who have met 1 or 2 times a month since January to develop our themes, ideas, and activities for the week: **Eunice Conrad, Sharon Pauley, Caren Wise, Anne Moll, Teresa Hatten, Laura McFarland, and Diane Zehr.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Many helpers (youth and adults) are needed to make sure the week goes smoothly. We need travel guides to move with a group of 15 children through the four fitness centers each night.

There is also a need for helpers in the pre-school class.

These volunteers are not in charge of teaching, but are there as back-up support folks who help the lead teachers.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall this Sunday or next Sunday, or call Diane Zehr at 744-3239.

REGISTRATION FORMS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Over the next 2 weeks you will find included in your newsletter brochures for your use **and** for passing along to a friend.

Early registration will be greatly appreciated since it takes away some of the first night chaos.

You will notice this year there is a \$5.00 registration fee for all who come since we are including T-shirts. If you have any difficulty doing this we would be happy to provide a scholarship. Just say you need the scholarship - no questions asked!

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ADULT CLASSES OFFERED ALSO

Classes will be offered for adults of the church and the community.

1. **Parenting Fitness:** "When you're fit to be tied," led by Rev. Terry Anderson from the Samaritan Counseling Center in Fort Wayne.

2. **Fit for Leadership:** led by Roger Moll, our incoming Board Chairperson and Allen County Extension Agent.

This class is for all who do any job in the church. We especially encourage board members, elders, diaconate to attend this class if you are not involved with the childrens' program.

OPENING CEREMONIES SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 4:00 P.M.

Come on over for the afternoon opening of Vacation Bible School.

We'll gather on the lawn outside the church and wait for the runners to arrive to light the torch.

While we wait, there will be plenty of things to do:

- 1) Register (if you haven't already), and pick up your T-shirt for the week.
- 2) Have some ice cream.
- 3) Visit with friends.
- 4) Join the opening ceremonies with singing and a special music number by our own choir members.

This is for all the church, not only those involved in Vacation Bible School.

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DANIEL "HIGHLIGHTED IN GREATER THAN GOLD"

Who would be better than Daniel to show how important it is to follow the ways of God above all others?

Daniel and his friends lived far away from home in Babylon and were befriended by the King. But King Nebuchadnezzar wanted them to worship him more than God.

Lions dens and fiery furnaces could not keep them from being faithful to God.

Our children will learn these stories in our own puppet theatre directed by Eunice Conrad and some of our youth who will work with the puppets.

BODY FITNESS IS BEING FAITHFUL

Even Daniel knew it was important to care for the body God gives you.

We'll be working on that in a variety of ways in our recreation time.

Obstacle courses, javelin and discus throws, a torch relay race, are all in the works for each evening of Vacation Bible School.

Our pre-schoolers will do their own version of Olympic fitness events as well.

WORLD NEIGHBORHOOD CAFE

Each night in our refreshment center we'll highlight a different neighbor of the world.

Monday - Native Americans of the North American Continent

Tuesday - Asia

Wednesday - Africa

Thursday - South America

There will be stories of Olympic stars from these places who have made a witness for God with their lives.

We'll be learning to appreciate what our neighbors from different places and traditions have done in the world.

First Christian Church of Fort Wayne



T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR ALL

There's a T-shirt for you from Vacation Bible School. They are sky blue with our "Greater than Gold" logo on back and the name of First Christian Church and a torch on the pocket line of the front. Children's are \$5.00 and adults are \$6.00.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED

We need coffee cans of all sizes for one of our crafts. 200 would not be too many. So, keep them coming in.....PLEASE!



SERVING MAY 26**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Bill Crouse & John Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** Ken Taylor & Ralph Church**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** A. Cook, J. Lindsay, J. Ott,
J. Young**10:45 a.m.** D. McEvoy, J. Franklin, A.
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LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**CHURCH CALENDAR****SUNDAY, MAY 26**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 27

Office Closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 28

5:45 p.m. Softball Game at Memorial Park

THURSDAY, MAY 306:00 p.m. Dinner for Candidates, Mentors,
and Parents7:00 p.m. Candidates, Mentors & Parents
Class with Rev. Zehr**Members Birthdays-****May 28-June 3**Gene Klepfer(28), Pat Mullen(28),
Molly Baughman(29), Carolyn Austin(29),
Wayne Penny(31), Diane Howard(31), Mike
McFarland(1)Published
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ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT OPENING CEREMONIES FOR GREATER THAN GOLD SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 4:00 P.M.



Join us on the grounds of First Christian Church on June 16 at 4:00 p.m. We'll be enjoying ice cream, singing some songs, and awaiting the arrival of our Light-bearers to light the flame that begins our week of events for Vacation Bible School.

More than 36 of you are involved in the Fun Run/Walk and the rest of us will be there to cheer your arrival that afternoon.

This is a good night to register your friends and families for the week and pick up your T-shirt so we can all wear them on Monday night.

Even if you don't plan to attend Vacation Bible School during the week, please know you are welcome to get a glimpse of things on that Sunday evening.

Also, all adults are invited to join us for our opening and/or closing each evening even if you aren't there for the whole evening.

See you at the Olympic Village on the lawn Sunday, June 16 at 4:00 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

The following note comes from Ovadis Cheathams who will be our Director for the Summer Youth Program.

FROM "O"

Hello. My name is Ovadis Cheathams. You can call me "O" (it's easier to remember). Currently I am attending Taylor University where Pastoral Ministries is my major. My wife's name is Machele and we have 3 children. Bryan, 16; Melissa, 12; and Ariel, 6. We look forward to sharing in what wonderful things God is going to do at First Christian.

So, if we have not been introduced to one another, catch me in church and let's have fellowship.

⇒ *Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:13-14).*

⇒ *There are several lessons that can be learned from these two verses, but the main focus are the children. In these days of disposable children, abortions and such;*

suicide being one of the leading causes of death among children, and the staggering statistics of youth violence, our children need the love of Jesus. That love, commanded by Jesus, must come from His Church.

⇒ *This summer, First Christian has that wonderful opportunity to express that love. Throughout the summer, it is our intention to minister to the youth of our area neighborhood. Starting June 12, 1996, each Monday and Wednesday, weather permitting, there will be basketball and volleyball set up as "a way" to reach youth. These glorious events will give First Christian an opportunity to share the Gospel and Love of Jesus Christ with the young people in our community, planting the knowledge of Jesus in their hearts.*

⇒ *Please pray that ALL the young people will be ministered to. If you know of any children in our area that has little to do and/or needs Jesus, direct them to First Christian where children are "Greater Than Gold."*

**Because of Christ,
Ovadis Cheathams**



On June 9 at 5:00 p.m. will be our Summer Kick Off Sunday. We want all the youth grades 6th-12th to come together. Ovadis Cheathams is our new student intern who will be working with the youth program. Let's make him feel welcomed!

VOLUNTEERS/TEACHERS MEET SUNDAY, JUNE 16 3:00 P.M.

All adults who are teaching or being travel guides or helping in Vacation Bible School in any way will meet at 3:00 p.m. June 16 for a time of orientation and prayer.

We'll also give you your T-Shirts that night so you can wear them on Monday night.

If you're helping, we need you at this meeting! Thanks.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY JUNE 9 9:30 A.M.

We will meet this coming Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. for a short meeting in the sanctuary to elect new officers for the 1996-1997 church year.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to the families of Laura York and Sharon Pauley in the death of their mother, Opal Carper last week.

Coleen Wilcoxson is at the Rehabilitation Hospital (by Lutheran Hospital) for six weeks while recovering from a broken bone in her heel.

Congratulations to Jack & Janet Weicker as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last weekend.

Congratulations also to Michael Walsh as he will be going to medical school in August.

Congratulations to Navy Seaman Recruit Tracy Critell, daughter of Kris Ohneck, graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL.

Congratulations to our new members and their families. The following had confession of faith on May 19, 1996 and baptism on June 2, 1996: Crystal Holmes, Dawn Holmes, Heather Holmes, and Kristian Scott. We extend our thanks and appreciation to their mentors: Kris Ohneck, Eunice Conrad, Sharon Pauley, and Larry Brey.

CONFESSION OF FAITH GIVEN BY CANDIDATES

May 19, the Candidate-Mentor Program Spring Membership Class celebrated Confession of Faith at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

The mentors introduced the candidates, then the candidates read their statements to our congregation.

Below is a complete list of candidates and their mentors.

Crystal Holmes - Kris Ohneck

Dawn Holmes - Eunice Conrad

Heather Holmes - Sharon Pauley

Kristian Scott - Larry Brey

This is the 2nd class of candidates for 1996. Those of us who participated, wanted to reach out and share this experience with our church family. Each statement will follow:

Mentor - Kris Ohneck

Crystal is the daughter of Orlan and Cathy Holmes. She is a 6th grade student at Geyer Middle School. She likes to participate in track and enjoys school. Crystal brings to the church her desire to come forward with her sisters and grow in faith through the light of God and the help of all members of this congregation.

I have enjoyed sharing this experience with Crystal. Please welcome my friend, Crystal, to our family at First Christian Church.

Candidate - Crystal Holmes

I want to be baptized because I want to be closer to God. I would like to thank my mentor for helping me and having fun.

Mentor - Eunice Conrad

Dawn Holmes is in the 8th grade at Ber Geyer Middle School where she is an excellent student. She likes the challenges in sports and also enjoys art, especially drawing. She has been a pleasure to study with because she prepares her lesson and asks such good questions.

Dawn brings her strong character, her hunger to know God, and a real love and concern for others.

Candidate - Dawn Holmes

I would like to thank my mentor for helping me and giving me fun and happy times. And for my father, who supported me, and my sisters all the way through this adventure.

This adventure I'm talking about is more than fun and games, but learning as well.

I've been learning the meaning of being a Christian, and reading exciting chapters in the Bible. I have started to follow Jesus Christ.

I have taken the first step.

Confession of Faith - continued from page 4

Mentor - Sharon Pauley

Isn't Heather Holmes a lovely name? It appropriately identified this lovely young lady. She's an 8th grader at Geyer Middle School. Cyrstal's older sister and Dawn's younger sister by 4 minutes. In the past few weeks, I have found her to be a good student, a pizza gourmet, a profound conversationalist and a lot of fun. I trust she will be as great a blessing to our church family as she has been to me.

Candidate - Heather Holmes

I am following Jesus Christ, to believe and accept him as my savior. I believe that Jesus Christ will get me through all the bad times and give me my purpose in life.

I thank Sharon Pauley for all the time and effort in helping me with my decision to follow Jesus Christ.

Mentor - Larry Brey

I present to the congregation Kris Scott, the son of Karen and Joe Brown. Kris brings to this congregation a sincere and open heart. I feel that Kris is ready for the

challenge of walking in the light of God. Kris enjoys sports and being with fellow youth.

I encourage any and all of you to take the time and get to know Kris. I have been blessed with the opportunity to help Kris come to this time of his faith journey.

Candidate - Kris Scott

The question was asked of me, "Am I ready for this?" I found my answer in Matthew 16:15. Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter responded, "You are the Messiah, son of the living God".

As I stand before this congregation I feel that I can truly say, this is as well my answer.

I will continually learn about and serve the Lord through this church family. Amen.

Candidates were baptized June 2 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Congratulations to our new members, their families and mentors!

YOU'RE INVITED -

Graduation for Rebecca Krull

June 7 - 6:00 p.m. Scottish Rite. Your gift is your presence.

Open House - June 15 - 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

3466 S. Washington Road

Graduation Open House for **Charlotte Ewing**, 6207 Monarch Drive,

June 8 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

You still have the opportunity to be part of the Pentecost Special Offering. Children in Allen County will be the beneficiaries of your generosity through "A Baby's Closet" Children throughout the rest of the world will be helped by your gifts to the Basic Mission Finance "BMF" program of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. This partnership is just one way that we as a loving congregation extends the love of Christ to those who are in need of help. Clearly Jesus had a special place in his heart for the children he encountered and it is clear by your generosity that they are special here at First Christian too.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

We need **YOU!** Kids from our neighborhood will be coming to our church starting Monday, June 10. We need some adults to be here to meet them. We need some adults to help visit their homes. We need some adults to be role models on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00. We need some adults who will pray for us.

What are we going to do with these kids? Is the cry of many in our community. **Show them the love of Christ is our answer!** Ovdavis Cheathams will lead, guide and direct the program but he needs us to help him. Pray, and if you feel God is calling you to be part of this program (even for a couple of hours) call the church office.

NEEDED.....

Have you ever traveled to a foreign land? If you have objects or artifacts from another country, island or Native American tribe, the International Cafe at the V.B.S. Olympic Village would like to borrow them. They will be used for educational display and to create an international atmosphere. If you are able to loan anything, please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 this week.

THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank all who sent us cards in celebration of our anniversary. Also, to the elders and deacons who bring us homebound communion.

Glenn & Lola Miller

We would like to thank **George Davis** for his many years serving as church counter on Sunday mornings! We wish you well on your well deserved retirement!

RUMMAGE SALE SAT., JUNE 29

We are having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 29. Please put clean items on the stage. We also need people to price the items the week of the 24th of June. Call Sue Brey at 447-3540 to volunteer. Thank you.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED IN 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE, JUNE 16

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As a congregation we want to honor these persons among us as they prepare for new places and steps of their lives. We'll do that in the 10:45 a.m. worship service on June 16.

If you are graduating and your name is not listed here, please call the church office at 744-3239 so we can recognize you too.

WIZARD GAME UPDATE

Thanks to all the members and friends of First Christian Church who made our baseball group excursion to the Fort Wayne Wizards game last Sunday a success!

Rev. Jerry Zehr sang the National Anthem well, and the local baseball team played like a pennant winner!

Caps off to catcher A.J. Pierzynski of the Wizards who had **TWO** home runs, one an inside the park swat, in the victory. And our prayers were fully answered, the weather was warm and it didn't rain a drop!

**Still need coffee cans. Still need coffee cans.
Still need coffee cans for crafts.**

SERVING JUNE 9**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Charles Ludwig & Lauren Ewing**10:45 a.m.** Dick Mey & Eunice Conrad**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D.

Keebortz, Tim Knuckles

10:45 a.m. C. Ewing, C. Falbe, D. Heimann,

L. Heimann, J. McGrew, E. Rieke,

E. Vandergriff

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Byrket, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K.

Place, J. McGrew

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ludwig - J. Lindsay

E. Conrad - J. Franklin

K. Blocher - J. Ott

C. Hatten - M. McDougale

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LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Jack Weicker**CHURCH CALENDAR****SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, JUNE 10

6:00 p.m. Summer Youth Program

TUESDAY, JUNE 116:30 p.m. Administrative Committee
Meeting

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Memorial Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

6:00 p.m. Summer Youth Program

Members Birthdays-**June 4-17**David Rinker(5), Frank Beckwith(5),
Ralph Church(6), Spiro Olympidis(6), Eliss-
abeth Olson(8), Lillian Crain(9), Don
Oden(9), Irene Kissinger(9), Jane Harts(9),
Virginia Englehart(9), Bill Howard(10), Bev
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OPENING CEREMONIES FOR GREATER THAN GOLD SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 4:00 P.M. AT THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE



36 people from 3 years old to 70+ will carry the light through the city of Fort Wayne announcing a week of faith and fun at First Christian Church as we look forward to Vacation Bible School, June 17-20 from 6:30 - 8:45 each evening.

All our runners and walkers will be in worship this Sunday. The first runner will leave during the childrens' sermon. The course includes running through downtown, out to Johnny Appleseed Park, back to Foster Park and then through the neighborhoods around the church.

The last runner is expected to arrive at the Olympic Village about 4:30 to light the flame that will burn during our week of activities as we learn to carry the light of Christ into our world.

Jesus knew that God was Greater than Gold and that's what we'll learn this week as we....."Make God Your Gold."

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday we presented Jim Bushey with a plaque thanking him for his 4 1/2 years as Board Chairperson of First Christian Church. Being Board Chair is as stressful and challenging as any ministers position. Jim has given of himself a great deal for the life of this church. I hope you will express your appreciation to him over the next couple of weeks.

This Sunday we will kick-off our Vacation Bible School. I think this years theme, "Greater Than Gold" is the most exciting Vacation Bible School we have had

so far.

There are two excellent adult classes going on during the week, so I hope you'll sign up.

I can't wait until we have all the torch runners coming into our parking lot and lighting the big torch. You won't want to miss this Sunday afternoon.

See you at 4:00 p.m.

Peace,

Jerry

NEEDED.....

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THANK YOU

A heart-felt "thank you" to all our friends at First Christian who helped us, in one way or another, celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Your many cards and personal messages meant so much to both of us.

A very special note of appreciation to the Christian Women's Fellowship and the part they played at the Sunday reception. A great "thank you" too, to Jerry and Diane and all the staff. We will not soon forget your many kindnesses.

Janet & Jack Weicker

AT CAMP THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Barbee: Sue Brey, Sara Brey, (June 10-12); Eric McFarland, (June 13-15); Katie Moll, June 17-22)

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ATTENTION: RUNNERS/WALKERS

Jim Bushey will meet with all runners/walkers this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a short briefing.

YOU CAME THROUGH

We now have all the coffee cans we need for Vacation Bible School.

Thank you so much!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to Bill & Joan Franklin in the recent death of Joan's mother.

Our prayers and sympathy is extended to the family of Eva Rousseau. Her memorial service was this past Tuesday.

Coleen Wilcoxson has been taken to Ossian Health Care temporarily.

Wilma Miller is a patient at St. Joe Medical Center.

Our prayers are with Jackie Keller, as she recuperates from a back injury.

Terry Noller, pastor of West Creighton Christian Church, had eye surgery last week.

We thank God for Mike Berger and his re-dedication.

Congratulations to Lauren Ewing for being chosen Teacher of the Year at the school she teaches at!

A big thank you to Jennifer Mounsey for serving for five years as a Youth Sponsor!

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP - JUNE 23

Sunday morning, June 23, we will have our worship services outdoors on the south lawn with the tent from our Olympic Village still up. We will have room for people to sit inside the tent or bring a blanket and sit in the lawn. If it rains, we'll be inside!



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JUNE 9, 1996

Amy Renshaw, 4216 Drury Lane 46807; Dawn, Krystal and Lindsey Pierce, 3218 South Wayne Avenue 46807.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Dorothy Green, Room 220-H

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805

Irene Kissinger, Room 32-1

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Paul Waugh, E333

Velma Hechler, Room 116

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 317-1

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

Ardith Wrisk, Room 101

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Golden Rose, Room 208-A

Ruth Norton, Room 117-A

AT HOME:

Clifton & Rebecca Bowman, 3412 Thames Drive 46815

Walter Bowen, 1924 Senior Drive 46805

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809

Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer (temporarily at Ossian Health Care)

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

Attendance

Budget Needs

Actual Giving

This week(6-9)

170

\$3,667.21

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Year-to-date

194

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McDougale, M. Mullen, S. Brickley**USHERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, C. Davis, S. Rudy**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, B. Stover, K.
Howard, R. Wise**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Opening
Ceremonies**MONDAY, JUNE 17**

6:00 p.m. Adults - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

7:00 p.m. Softball Game at Memorial Park

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

6:00 p.m. Adults - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Members Birthdays-**June 18-24**Fern Kenline(18), Bernice Mont-
gomery(18), Gene Auer(18), Gary Hall(18),
Eve Gorman(18), Don Parlette(19), Diana
Bennett(19), Joan Penny(20), Orie Mc-
Dougale(21), Jim Bond(21), Shawn Cobb(21),
Linda Merrick(22), Jack Weicker(23), Kurt
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OUTDOOR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Since we have the tent from Vacation Bible School, we decided to have our worship services outside this Sunday.

There will be plenty of chairs to sit on or bring a blanket if you wish. We will have great music and Rev. Zehr will continue to preach on the book of Acts. "Can a Scoundrel Become a Saint?" Acts 9:1-30 (if it rains, we'll be inside).

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Installation of new officers (second service) and ordination of new elders (both services).

Diaconate meeting - June 30 - 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

All of the members of the Diaconate need to be at this meeting. We are implementing new procedures for the diaconate.

If you can't be here, you need to call Estel Vandergriff at 447-4195.

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday we had our opening ceremonies for our summer Vacation Bible School Olympics. **WOW!** What a great scene seeing the runners carrying the torch down Calhoun Street to the church after a 26 mile run, and then lighting it to the big torch in our front yard!

Thanks to Jim and Karen Bushey for organizing the event, and to Dick Mey for making our wonderful torch.

Also, to all the runners and walkers who participated.

Following are all of their names: Kathy Blocher; Vincent Wells; Dick & Judy Mey;

Ron & Caren Wise; Ken Taylor; Jim, Jeff, & Jamie Bushey; Deb Lehman; Whitworth Family - Wayne, Laura, Nick & Sarah; Charlie Hatten; Sharon Pauley; Eunice Conrad; Heather & Dawn Holmes; Kris Ohneck; Lillian Crain; Kelli Kern; Mike Berger; Brent, David & Tim Jarrett; Brian Precht; Jennifer Mounsey; Roger, Anne & Katie Moll; Donna Heimann & Megan McEvoy.

Peace,

Jerry

The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation cordially invites you to hear renowned author, lecturer Rabbi Harold Kushner speak on: *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*

Tuesday, June 25 - 7:30 p.m.

Achduth Vesholom Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road

The lecture is free and open to the public.

Book sales courtesy of Little Professor Bookstore. Reception after the lecture.

For further information, please call Fort Wayne Jewish Federation at 422-8566.

ATTENTION ALL MUSIC FANS AND GADGET GURUS...

I am attempting to assemble an audio/video ministry team. Do you enjoy the way that the sound system and slides have enhanced our worship? Do you love fiddling around with your home stereo system, TV/VCR, remote control, computers or any electronic device? If this sounds like you, then I would like your help. We would also like to hear from some members in first service. Please let me know on Sunday, or call me at home. My number is 436-5839.

Mike McFarland

AT CAMP THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Barbee Christian Camp, 27 EMS, B2 Lane, Leesburg, IN 46538: **Katie Moll**, (June 17-22), and **Josie Quick** (June 24-29).

D.M.A. SCIENCE CENTRAL TOUR

July 2 - noon lunch from menu at Hall's Gas House.

If eating with us, call Jean McGrew (637-5809) so we can make reservations with Hall's.

The tour begins **PROMPTLY** at 2:00 p.m. (\$3.00 per person), and promises to be terrific.

This is a **DON'T MISS DAY!**

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits to our mother during her final illness.

Thank you, too, for your prayers and support for us as we cared for her and now as we grieve her death and celebrate her graduation into heaven.

We thank God for the blessing you have been to all of us.

Opal Carper's Family

Joys & Concerns

Coleen Wilcoxson has been taken to Ossian Health Care temporarily. Her mother, **Orda Glentzer**, is also there.

Wilma Miller has gone home from the hospital.

Congratulations to **Erin Proegler** in the birth of **Gabriella Mariah** on June 13, 1996. Gabriella weighed 8 lb. 12 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. **John & Brenda Proegler** are the proud grandparents and **Carole Davis** is the great-grandmother!

Our sympathy is extended to **Charles & Bernice Schnobel** and their family in the recent death of their son.

NEEDED...

The sewing group will meet on Tuesday, June 25, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will be pressing and folding for quilt edge if anyone can help. Thank you.

RUMMAGE SALE
SAT., JUNE 29

We are having a Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 29. Please put clean items on the stage. We also need people to price the items the week of the 24th of June. Call Sue Brey at 447-3540 to volunteer. Thank you.

TO: ALL FRIENDS & MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

To all my fellow Christians at First Christian Church.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful wood plaque presented to me last Sunday. It represents your love and respect for me and meant a lot to my parents and family who were in attendance.

It has been an honor to serve the past four plus years as board moderator at First Christian. As I see it, service to God can come in many ways and I thank God that I was able to use my skills here at the church, and take pride in what we have accomplished at First Christian in our ongoing walk of faith.

I want to thank some special people in my life who have helped me over the past years.

My mother: who taught me wrong from right and gave me my moral foundation.

My father: who taught me my work ethic.

My wife: who is my foundation, I love her dearly. Sunday was our seventeenth anniversary and our commitment to each other has never been stronger.

My family: who put up with all those late meetings at church. I hope my kids have a chance to give back to the church in their adult life.

Jerry & Diane Zehr: we have been together throughout your entire ministry at First Christian. I have learned so much from you and respect your faith, your friendship and your commitment to one another and God.

Throughout all the changes at First Christian Church the past few years, one thing has stayed constant, we are a group of caring, loving individuals, sharing our Christian journey as a family. We work, we fight, we laugh, but we never lose respect for one another.

As for the future, Roger Moll will do a great job as he blends the board and the elders to provide even better leadership and spiritual guidance to the policies of the church each year. I could not think of a better, more competent person to lead the board, good luck Roger!

Once again, thank you for everything. I look forward to serving First Christian as God sees fit.

God Bless,

James E. Bushey

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Dorothy Green, Room 220-H

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road 46819

Valetta Parlette, Room 410

Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805

Irene Kissinger, Room 32-1

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Paul Waugh, E333

Velma Hechler, Room 116

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 317-1

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Golden Rose, Room 208-A

Ruth Norton, Room 117-A

AT HOME:

Clifton & Rebecca Bowman, 3412 Thames Drive 46815

Walter Bowen, 1924 Senior Drive 46805

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809

Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer (temporarily at Ossian Health Care)

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

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Year-to-date	195	\$88,013.04	\$83,961.35

SERVING JUNE 23**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Bill Crouse & John Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** Sam Hayes & Eileen Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, G. Brown**10:45 a.m.** E. Yeoman, K. Bushey, L. Mc-

Farland, M. McFarland, J. Franklin, A.

Moll, E. Rieke, B. Smith

USHERS**8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, M. Hartman**10:45 a.m.** C. McGrew, E. Gorman, B.

Bond, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

K. Ohneck -

J. Kelly -

S. Oden - C. Ewing

D. Kreischer - T. Knuckles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K. Bushey, E. Rieke, B. Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Children's Sunday School & Mary Wilhelm

ACOLYTES

Elissabeth Olson & Tim Jarrett

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Dick Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, JUNE 24

6:00 p.m. Adults - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids - Summer Youth Program

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

6:00 p.m. Adults - Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids - Summer Youth Program

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale

Members Birthdays-**June 25-July 1**

Beth Doehrman(25), Lois

Buchanan(27), Caren Wise(28), Dwain Gra-

ham(28), Mildred Linn(29), Marilyn But-

ler(1), Schellie Englehart(1)

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RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 29

We are having a Rummage and Bake Sale this Saturday, June 29 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please put clean items on the stage.

TO: YOUTH GROUP

It's that time again. Immediately following second service, in the fellowship hall we will meet for a time of sharing and fellowship. Bring a smile and your ideas for youth activities.

NEW LEADERS BEING INSTALLED

This Sunday during the second worship service we will install the new leadership for 1996-97. Following are the officers, elders and deacons for this next term. (See **Here To Zehr** article for those finishing their term). Also, we will ordain four new elders: Teresa Hatten, Anne Moll, Kathy Blocher and Ken Taylor. We thank God for their stepping up to the call of Elder for First Christian Church.

Board of Trustees: **Officers:** Moderator: Roger Moll, Vice-Moderator: Dick Mey; Secretary: Marty Bier; Treasurer: Julia Arnold. **Elder Reps.:** Kris Ohneck,
(Listing continued on page 2)

From Here to Zehr

As we close out our program year for the 1995-96 season, I am aware of the great leadership and commitment we have of many people in this community. I thank God for their willingness to serve the church and use their gifts for God's ministry. Following are those who are finishing their term. Please let them know of your appreciation for their years of service. Elders who have finished their term: Charles and Lauren Ewing, Charles Hatten, David Kreischer, Bud Ludwig, Don and Sue Oden. Diaconate who have finished their term: Mark and Julia Arnold, Kathy Blocher, Jack Lindsay, Anne Moll,

Ken Taylor, Elinor & Kenneth Place, Mike McFarland, Charlotte Ewing, Chandra Duncan. Board members who are finishing their term: Moderator: Jim Bushey; Treasurer: Merle Grimm; Fellowship: Karen Bushey; Personnel: Eric Rieke; Worship: Sue Oden; Lay Leadership: Kathy Graham; Property: Larry Brey. Elder Representative: Eileen Klepfer; Congregation-at-Large: Carole Davis, Marilyn Rieke.

Thank you for all your service!

God Bless,
Jerry

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Eunice Conrad Charles McGrew; **Diaconate Reps.:** Eric Rieke, Sue Brickley, Jean McGrew, Jennifer Mounsey, Leo Heimann. **Congregation at Large:** Vince Wells, Betty Grimm; **Committee Chairs:** Diaconate Chair: Estel Vandergriff; Christian Education: Lori Vandergriff; Elder Chair: Ralph Church; Evangelism: Judy Church; Fellowship: Caren Wise/Laura McFarland; Finance: Bill Johnson; Lay Leadership: Ken Taylor; Outreach & Service: Donna McEvoy; Personnel: Kathy Blocher; Property: Mike McFarland; Stewardship: Bill Franklin; Worship: Judy Mey; **CWF President:** Sue Brey; **CMF President:** Larry Brey. **Board of Diaconate:** Estel Vandergriff, Karen Bushey, Donna McEvoy, Laura McFarland, Jean McGrew, Jennifer Mounsey, Bob Smith, Jeff Young, Jim Davis, Leo Heimann, Marilyn & Orie McDougale, Mike Mullen, Evelyn Yeoman, Bob & Marty Bier, Sue Brickley, Andy Cook, Carolyn Falbe, Joan Franklin, Delores Keebortz, Tim Knuckles, Joan Ott, Eric Rieke, Lori Vandergriff, George Cole, Marlene Crouse, Eve Gorman, Gary & Kelli Kern, Deb Lehman, Sally Rudy, Becca Widmer, Ron Wise, Diane Bohlen, Gini Brown, Neva Mennewisch. **Junior Diaconate:** Dustin McEvoy, Kristian Scott. **Elders:** Ralph Church, Eileen Klepfer, John Kelly, Dick Mey, John Ohneck, Eunice Conrad, Sara Davis, Bill Franklin, Sam Hayes, Charles McGrew, Glenn Miller, Kris Ohneck, Kathy Blocher, Ken Taylor, George Bruckman, Judy Church, Teresa Hatten, Anne Moll. **Elders Emeritus:** Janet & Jack Weicker, Bill Crouse, Mildred Hartman, Gene Klepfer, Glenn Miller, Don Parlette, Mark Snyder. **Honorary Member of Diaconate:** Mildred Hutchinson, Walter Bowen. **Honorary Trustee:** Andy Cook.

D.M.A. SCIENCE CENTRAL TOUR

July 2 - noon lunch from menu at Hall's Gas House.

If eating with us, call Jean McGrew (637-5809) so we can make reservations with Hall's.

The tour begins **PROMPTLY** at 2:00 p.m. (\$3.00 per person), and promises to be terrific.

This is a **DON'T MISS DAY!**

ATTENTION ALL ACTORS!

Do you enjoy acting? Doing impro's? Come to the church on Wednesday night, July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The curtain will rise at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry

P.S. If you can't come, but are interested in being in the drama group, let me know.

Joys & Concerns

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer remain at Ossian Health Care temporarily.

Congratulations to Marsha Busse and David Hackenberg as they were married at First Christian on Saturday, June 22, 1996.

Mary Novachcoff is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center recovering from knee surgery.

Don Parlette is recuperating from a stroke.

Congratulations to Brian Gorman as he was chosen for best performance in an ensemble for his performance in "One Flew Over The Cuckoo Nest."



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JUNE 23, 1996

Stefanie Stabler, 4721 Arlington Avenue 46807; Stephanie Howard and Heather & Jessica Howard, 5120 S. Harrison St. 46807; Gary & Jill Brigman and Paige & Bailey, 4226 Hoagland Avenue 46807.

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

8:00 a.m. Rummage & Bake Sale

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Deacon Meeting

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 1

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

TUESDAY, JULY 2

12:00 noon D.M.A. - lunch at Hall's Gas
House followed by a tour of Science Cen-
tral

8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Memorial
Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

THURS. & FRI., JULY 3 & 4

Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:15 a.m. First Worship

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 8

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

TUESDAY, JULY 9

8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Memorial
Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

7:00 p.m. Drama Group

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**JULY 3-17**

Shirley Dibble(3), Diane Bohlen(3),
Miles Zimmerman, Jr.(4), Paul Waugh(5),
Michael Piatt(5), John Clevenger(7), Lola
Miller(8), George Ludwig(8), David Kreis-
cher(9), David Griggs(9), Alice Nulf(10),
Marge Thomas(11), Judy Markley(12),
Darvin Tomes(14), Thelma Swift(17), Bar-
bara Clevenger(17)

NOTE.....

The newsletter will be published ev-
ery other week in July and August be-
ginning with this issue. Therefore, we
will not have a newsletter next week.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The first annual FFFFF Day is being planned! The date is Sunday, July 21 beginning right after the second worship service. The location is Foster Park at Broadway and Bluffton. The purpose is to eat — to play — and to fellowship!

What does FFFFF stand for?

First Christian's Food, Fun, and Frolic Fellowship! We'll eat, play, and fellowship - not necessarily in that order. Watch your Sunday bulletin and the weekly mailing from First Christian for further details.

WRAP UP OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1996

It's so quiet around the church this week. No nails pounding the puppet stage together, no torch relay races, no sloshing through the mud in the tent, no 140 children and adults singing and playing and learning together that God is Greater than Gold.

Still, there is a quiet satisfaction in the air that fulfilling a sense of mission and call to be the church puts in the heart of our community of faith. If you listen you can hear a comment here or there, "The kids just loved that character Bob Bier played." "The music was extraordinary." "My child couldn't wait to come and was disappointed it was over."

Our offering of \$121.00 was matched by our Outreach Committee and we will make it possible for our Division of Overseas Ministry to purchase 80 nets for families to fish in the Congo. That was one way we learned to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Attendance ranged from 110 to 140 each of the 4 nights with more than 150 people participating overall.

It was an extraordinary week.

GREATER THAN GOLD!

AT CAMP THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Barbee Christian Camp, 27 EMS, B2 Lane, Leesburg, IN 46538: Melissa Brey
(July 1-6).

SERVING JUNE 30 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Glenn Miller & Kris Ohneck

10:45 a.m. David Kreischer & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Arnold, J. Arnold, D. Keebortz, T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. C. wing, C. Falbe, D. Heimann, L. Heimann, M. McDougale, O. McDougale, E. Place, K. Place

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, D. Graham

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, E. Vandergriff, K. Place

COMMUNION PREPARATION

K. Bushey, E. Rieke, B. Smith

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Megan McEvoy

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Bob Bier

SERVING JULY 7 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Eunice Conrad

10:45 a.m. Gene Klepfer & Dick Mey

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Cook, M. Crouse, T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. D. Bohlen, G. Cole, J. Franklin, E. Gorman, L. McFarland, J. Mounsey, E. Rieke, B. Smith

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, A. Cook

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, H. Banet, S. Brey, C. Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - R. Wise

E. Klepfer - E. Vandergriff

K. Blocher - S. Brickley

A. Moll - B. Smith

COMMUNION PREPARATION

T. Knuckles, C. Falbe, E. Yeoman

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Marty Bier

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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT JULY 14 - 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

This Sunday afternoon all of the officers, chairpeople, elders and deacons will meet together for an important summit meeting.

We will have time for a reality check (where we have been, where we are going), a time for a leadership assessment, time for prayer and worship, and time for planning and visioning for God's church.

Supper will be provided (free-will offering taken), and child care will also be provided.



*Come to the mountain!
Come to the summit!
Come and see what the Lord has in store
for us!*

From Here to Zehr

Here are 65 suggestions on How to
Cope with stress!

Take just one and live it and enjoy it!

Get up earlier
Prepare ahead
Avoid tight clothes
Avoid chemical aids
Set appointments
Write it down
Practice preventive maintenance
Make duplicate keys
Say no more often
Set priorities
Avoid negative people
Use time wisely
Simplify meals
Copy important papers
Anticipate needs
Make repairs
Get help with jobs you dislike
Break down large tasks
Look at problems as challenges
Look at challenges differently
Unclutter your life
Smile
Prepare for rain
Tickle a baby
Pet a dog/cat
Don't know all the answers
Look for the silver lining
Say something nice
Teach a kid to fly a kite
Walk in the rain
Schedule play time
Take a bubble bath

Be aware of your decisions
Believe in yourself
Stop talking negatively
Visualize winning
Develop a sense of humor
Stop thinking tomorrow will be better
Have goals
Dance a jig
Say hello to a stranger
Ask a friend for a hug
Look at the stars
Breathe slowly
Whistle a tune
Read a poem
Listen to a symphony
Watch a ballet
Read a story
Do something new
Stop a bad habit
Buy a flower
Smell the flower
Find support
Find a "vent-partner"
Do it today
Be optimistic
Put safety first
Do things in moderation
Note your appearance
Strive for excellence, not perfection
Stretch your limits
Enjoy art
Hum a jingle
Maintain your weight

Peace,
Jerry



July 20 - Kings Island - meet at 5:30 (in the morning). Leave 6:00 a.m.

August 23 - Lock in - 7:00 p.m. - until?

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruth Bennington** who died last week.

Congratulations to **Don and Valetta Parlette** as they celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on July 6.

RECONCILIATION MISSION BLACK CHURCH FIRES

Many Disciples across North America are wanting to know what our church is doing in response to the epidemic of firebombings of Black churches. One offering of \$2,570.00 was received at the General Board last week and will be sent through Reconciliation Mission to Church World Services, in response to their \$1 million appeal, designated for the "rebuilding" of the Black churches.

Disciple congregations wishing to respond to the firebombing disaster are encouraged to make their contributions to Reconciliation Mission. Contributions received will be designated for the rebuilding and repairing of the burned churches.

L. Wayne Steward, Director - Reconciliation Mission



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JULY 7, 1996

Rex Dunkleberger, 1527 Huffman Blvd. 46808: **Lydia Clibon**, 3248 Diplomat Drive 46806.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14

8:15 a.m. First Worship
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
4:00 p.m. Leadership meeting (elders,
deacons & officers)

MONDAY, JULY 15

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program
6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program
6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15 a.m. First Worship
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
12:00 noon All Church Picnic

MONDAY, JULY 22

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program
6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth
Program
6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 18-29

Sue Oden(18), George Davis(18), Sherry
Lytle(20), D.J. Rinker(22), Jackson Phom-
sopha(22), Johnny Phomsopha(22), Mary
Wilhelm(23), Dustin McEvoy(23), Forrest
Smith(24), Alisha Stover(24), Kristie
Howard(25), Woody Klepfer(26), Glenn D.
Miller(27), Sue Brey(27), Kevin Bozarth(28),

YOU'RE INVITED

*We would like to invite the con-
gregation to celebrate with us as
we are married on Saturday, July
20, 1996 at First Christian Church
at 5:30 p.m.*

*Reception will follow at 8:00
p.m. at The Shrine Temple Ball-
room.*

*Diana Bennett and
Michael Moore*

NOTE.....

The Church Picnic has been
postponed until later in the summer.

NEEDED.....

The sewing group is needing
more old sheets. They can be col-
ored or plain white. Please bring
them to the church office.

THANK YOU'S

To All Our Church Friends who sent cards and expressed sympathy in the loss of our son, David. We thank you. Your love and concern is truly appreciated.

Charles & Bernice Schnobel

I want to thank all the people who sent me so many lovely cards with their special messages to encourage my recovery and all the people who were praying for me for it meant so much to both of us. It has been a long road to recovery, but I think I am slowly making progress. Thanks also to Jerry and Diane for their visits to the hospital.

Wilma Miller

I would like to thank all who sent cards and letters in the recent death of my mother, Josephine Fruitt.

Also, to the many who sent money for memorials. It is deeply appreciated.

Joan Franklin

I want to thank all that helped with the Rummage Sale and those who baked for the Bake Sale. Also, there is a toaster oven and an iron that has no name on it and we don't know what to do with it. Please call the church office or Sue Brey to let us know. Thank you.

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SERVING JULY 14

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. George Bruckman & Judy Church

10:45 a.m. John Kelly & Ken Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Mennewisch, M. Mullen, J. Ott, J. Young

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J. Davis, C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy, K. Scott, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, D. Graham

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, K. Place, J. McGrew

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T. Knuckles, C. Falbe, E. Yeoman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bohlen's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Dick Mory

SERVING JULY 21

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. John Ohneck & Ralph Church

10:45 a.m. Eileen Klepfer & Kathy Blocher

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Bier, B. Bier, M. Crouse, D. Keebortz

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann, G. Kern, K. Kern, E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff, B. Widmer, R. Wise

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, K. Graham, M. Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Howard, R. Wise, E. Gorman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Kelly - S. Rudy

S. Hayes - D. Bohlen

K. Ohneck - K. Bushey

G. Bruckman - G. Cole

COMMUNION PREPARATION

G. Brown & Kern's

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Grier's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Kathy Blocher



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A WEEKEND IN THE BAHAMAS



F A M I L Y
CAMPING

Would you like a weekend beside beautiful fresh water, strolling along a path through the woods, or sitting by a bonfire roasting marshmallows?

You don't have to go to the Bahamas for such a trip! Sign up for First Christian Church's Family Camp.

This is for singles, couples, young adults, older adults.....**everyone** in the church.

There are cabins, a retreat house, tent sites, and R.V. hook-ups.

If you don't want to spend the night, come for Saturday! It is only 45 minutes away from Fort Wayne.

Fill out the registration form in the newsletter today and send or bring it to the church office!

From Here to Zehr

As I watched the opening night of the Olympics, I realized this is my favorite part of the Olympics. Seeing 197 different countries join together for friendly competition.

When do this many cultures, ideologies, races come together?

It is a sign for me at the hope that the majority of humankind has for there to be peace on earth.

In light of the T.W.A. crash and possible planting of a bomb in the plane, let us not forget the image of the opening night and the desire of so many for peace.

Yes, there will always be some who will live their lives in violence and hatred, but the overwhelming majority of the world wants what you and I desire - to live together in peace and joy.

Let us never give in to the dark side of life that would have us give up this hope and dream!

Let the games begin!

Peace,

Jerry

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:15 a.m. First Worship

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 29

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

TUESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 p.m. Softball Game at McMillen #3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 a.m. First Worship

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

5:45 p.m. Softball Game at McMillen #3

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:00 p.m. Adults-Summer Youth Program

6:30 p.m. Kids-Summer Youth Program

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This week(7-14)	153	\$3,667.21	\$2,807.26
Year-to-date	191	\$102,681.88	\$96,283.43

NEEDED.....

The sewing group is needing more old sheets. They can be colored or plain white. Please bring them to the church office.

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS JULY 30-AUGUST 12

Laura Bowser(31), Glenn R. Miller(1), Wanda Howell(1), Mary Lou Hartzler(1), Dick Mory(1), Lori Lewis(1), Kelly Walsh(1), Christopher Olson(3), Gloria Phillips(4), Karen Lands(4), Laura Krouse(8), Elizabeth Moody(8), Ronald Elliott(8), Orda Glentzer(9), Linda Wiley(9), Beverly Johnston(10), Charline Craig(10), Jennifer Medlin(10), John Ohneck(11), Laura Whitworth(11), Marilyn Snouffer(11), Teresa Crain(11)

joys
&
concerns

Our sympathy is extended to Jack and Bobbie Lindsay in the recent death of Bobbie's brother.

Valetta Parlette is a patient at Lutheran Hospital as she has a broken hip.

Dorothy Green is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Congratulations to Diana Bennett and Michael Moore as they were married at First Christian on July 20!

Congratulations to our church softball team as they were number one in their division and have now moved up.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON JULY 14 & 21, 1996

Zack & Holly Mathis, 5716C Brighton Meadows Drive 46804; Marc Jones, 409 W. Maple Grove Avenue 46807.

SERVING JULY 28

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Anne Moll & Kris Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Sara Davis & Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Cook, T.

Knuckles, J. Ott

10:45 a.m. D. Bohlen, G. Cole, J. Franklin,

E. Gorman, L. McFarland, J. McGrew,

J. Mounsey, B. Smith

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hartman, J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Bond, H. Banet,

S. Brey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

G. Brown & Kern's

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Whitworth's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Marlene Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Bob Bier

SERVING AUGUST 4

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Eunice Conrad & George Bruck-
man

10:45 a.m. Charles McGrew & Dick Mey

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. D. Keebortz, M. Mullen, J.

Young

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J.

Davis, C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D.

McEvoy, K. Scott, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hutchinson, J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, C. Falbe, E. Van-

dergriff, K. Place

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Klepfer - E. Gorman

J. Ohneck - G. Kern

K. Blocher - K. Kern

J. Church - J. Franklin

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

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PARENT-YOUTH POW WOW SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 6:00 P.M.

All families of the church with youth 6th-12th grades will be receiving a letter of invitation together on Sunday evening, August 18 to look at how we can shape our youth ministry for the coming year.

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SPECIAL WORSHIP LOCATIONS AUGUST 25

8:15 - Traditional Service at the church

10:45 - Contemporary Service at Camp Barbee

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From Here to Zehr

"Consider your possessions loaned to you by God."

St. Catherine of Siena 1347-1380

What a powerful reminder that all of our possessions are really on loan, and we are to be good stewards of everything we have. How are we doing? How are you doing? Are you able to keep a good balance of the things you need and the things you want?

Is our Lord's ministry a part of the use of your resources, or is it only an after thought?

This quote is a good reminder to me not

to spend everything I have on myself, but how can I be a good steward of what has been loaned to me. How about you?

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Have you signed up for Family Camp? The deadline is here, call today!



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON JULY 28 & AUGUST 4, 1996

Brian Crowl, 836 Dodane Road 46819; **Rhonda Gagnon**, 4624 Troebridge Court 46835; **Michael Harrah & Dana Hall**, 4404 Pembroke Lane 46807.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(7-28)	139	\$3,667.21	\$2,038.00
Year-to-date	187	\$110,016.30	\$100,448.93

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS AUGUST 13-26

Marge Mitchell(13), Rebecca Bowman(15), John Bohlen(17), Wilma Miller(18), Bob Bier(18), Lois Finkhousen(18), Lori Crouter(19), Charles Linn(19), Paige Jarrett(19), Melissa Lands(19), Nancy Butcher(20), Joshua Lytle(20), Marie Redman(24), Irvin Koehlinger(25), Julie Briggs(26)

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE COMING IN

We have a number of registrations at this time for our All Church weekend camp.

Some people are coming just for Saturday, and we have others who are staying overnight!

Saturday will be the all-church softball game, wiener roast, swimming, trail walking, and campfire. Sunday will be worship at the lake with communion.

Call today if you haven't registered!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Valetta Parlette is at Kingston Care Center, 1010 W. Washington Center Road for several more weeks.

Congratulations to Bill and Anne Scott in the birth of a baby boy, Zachary Tyler, born on July 9, 1996 in Seattle, Washington. Carole Davis is the proud grandmother!

Our prayers are with Glenn Miller (as in Glenn & Lola Miller) as he had eye surgery this week in Indianapolis.

Our prayers are with Bob and Inez Petty as Bob recuperates from a recent stroke.

George Cole is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ruth Truesdell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Coleen Wilcoxson and Orda Glentzer are back home at their apartment!

Our prayers are with Delores Keebortz as her sister is recuperating after a stroke.

Congratulations to Dick and Judy Mey in the birth of a grandson. Ethan was born on August 4. Jack & Vickie Roush are the parents.

THE RECONCILIATION CRUSADE FEATURING:

DR. JOHN PERKINS

BRINGING FORT WAYNE TOGETHER IN JESUS CHRIST

MARSHALL WHITE, MINISTER OF MUSIC

THE COVENANT BROTHERS

Gospel Quartet

United Methodist Church of The Covenant

August 18, 1996

5:30 p.m.

Grand Wayne Center

ABOUT THIS CRUSADE:

About 18 months ago, a group of Fort Wayne business and Christian leaders decided to establish a program to bring the various racial segments of Fort Wayne closer together in Christ. They called the program -

The Reconciliation Crusade. Believing that Christ can break down man's barriers, they set up a tent on South Anthony, invited World Renowned Christian speakers, including Dr. John Perkins and hosted over 2,500 people to the first **Reconciliation Tent Crusade** - a crusade which inspired Fort Wayne to reconcile its differences through a common faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Fort Wayne should rise up as an example of racial harmony. This meeting will, as did last year's, with Dr. Perkins, commence a wave of works which will involve Christians of all colors in a "Hands On" effort in our community. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this great work.

Organized by:

Reconciliation Crusade Committee

in cooperation with:

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

Fort Wayne Men of Promise

Bridge Builders

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Dorothy Green, Room 220-H

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Kingston Health Care Center, 1010 W. Washington Center Rd. 46825 (temporarily)

Valetta Parlette

Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805

Irene Kissinger, Room 32-1

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Paul Waugh, E333

Velma Hechler, Room 116

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 317-1

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Golden Rose, Room 208-A

Ruth Norton, Room 117-A

AT HOME:

Walter Bowen, 1924 Senior Drive 46805

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809

Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

SERVING AUGUST 11

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Ralph Church & Judy Church

10:45 a.m. Gene Klepfer & Ken Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Bier, B. Bier, M. Crouse,
J. Ott

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann, G.
Kern, K. Kern, E. Vandergriff, L.
Vandergriff, E. Gorman, R. Wise

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, S. Rudy, C. Byrket

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, J. McGrew, K.
Howard, R. Wise

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Crouse & Heimann's

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

EVANGELISM CALLERS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Jack Weicker

SERVING AUGUST 18

ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Anne Moll & Kris Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Sara Davis & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Cook, T.
Knuckles, B. Smith

10:45 a.m. D. Bohlen, G. Cole, J.
Franklin, E. Gorman, L. McFarland,
J. McGrew, J. Mounsey, E. Rieke

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook, C. Davis

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Gorman, B.
Bond, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - M. Bier

D. Mey - B. Bier

K. Taylor - D. Keebortz

A. Moll - C. Falbe

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**PARENT-YOUTH POW WOW
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:00 P.M.
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

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This year, Rev. Diane Zehr will be the staff person who works with you to organize what is going to happen.

From Here to Zehr

Will you be one of 60? With the anniversary celebration coming, we need 60 people who will give between \$25.00-\$50.00 to help offset the expenses of our celebration with airline tickets, hotel rooms, musicians, food, and decorations. It all adds up!! We will list these 60 as special donors in the Saturday night program. If you could help, we would appreciate it. Please mark your check *"For Anniversary."*

Fall is coming and our L.I.F.E. (Living in Faith Everyday) groups will begin. Start

to think about your fall schedule and if you might want to be in one of these small group experiences. They truly give you new "LIFE"!

The congregation voted their approval of the renovation of the church facility up to \$320,000.00. The painting has begun! should start to get exciting as we see some of the refurbishing being completed!

See you Sunday!

Peace,



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON AUGUST 11, 1996

Susan & Joe Saunders, 1902 Fox Point Trail 46816.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(8-11)	123	\$3,667.21	\$3,306.81
Year-to-date	183	\$117,350.72	\$109,504.94

CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Worship Service at
Camp Barbee**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**8:15 p.m. Softball Game at
McMillen #3**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

5:30 p.m. Capital Committee

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 312:00 Noon DMA to Bill's Palace
and then tour of Lincoln Museum

joys
&
Concerns

Valetta Parlette is at Kingston Care Center, 1010 W. Washington Center Road for several more weeks.

George Cole is home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ruth Truesdell is home from Lutheran Hospital.

**PLEASE NOTE**

All of the **name tags** have been taken to the Narthex. If you would like yours to keep, please pick it up on one of the next two Sundays, otherwise they will be stored away in the church.

We wish to thank all who sent cards and prayers to Whitney while she was hospitalized. Also, many thanks to Jerry for his hospital visits.

She is home now and doing much better after her surgery.

The Vanderwall Family

Many thanks to the **prayer warriors**
- Ruth Truesdell is home from the hospi-

BE A FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Do you know how important a hug or encouragement from an older person can be in the life of a child? You can make a big difference for a little person as a Foster Grandparent. Along the way, you'll gain the love of someone who looks up to you — and earn extra income as well!

Foster Grandparents spend 20 hours each week talking, reading, and playing with special-needs children at sites such as day care centers, Head Start programs, and the Women's Shelter. These are children who especially need one-on-one attention because of difficult family situations, or physical or mental disabilities. You could be a treasured friend who makes them smile.

As a Foster Grandparent, you would receive non-taxable income of \$2.45 an hour, transportation costs, and free meals at the work site. Your pay would not affect your eligibility for Medicaid, SSI, food stamps, or subsidized housing. And Foster Grandparents say that the very best part of their work is the love of the "grandchildren" and a sense of usefulness and involvement.

To qualify for the Foster Grandparent Program, you must be age 60 or older, enjoy children, and have an income less than \$806 per month (up to \$948 if you have large medical expenses). If you are interested in becoming a Foster Grandparent or know someone who would be, please call program director Jeanette DeVore at 426-7829.

THE CHALLENGE OF THREE-GENERATION LIVING

TWO SESSION WORKSHOP

Wednesday, August 28
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities, 315 E. Washington Blvd.

This two-session workshop is designed to help parents or grandparents who have a pregnant or parenting teen or young adult living in their home. The sessions will allow you to discuss your concerns, share your solutions or suggestions with others, and make decisions that will enable you to be more effective in your role. To register please call 439-0242.

START YOUR ENGINES SEPTEMBER 8

Fall is on its way and our new year of Faith Development begins on Sunday, September 8. Five adult Sunday School classes will be offered. Our third year of Journey through the Bible will complete our study of the whole Bible with our children 3rd-5th grades. Our youth are going to be giving their faith a workout as well both in Sunday School and in youth activities.

You might have been wondering when L.I.F.E. groups will begin. Sign up for those will begin also on September 8, and we hope to start the groups by the end of September.

Look for a brochure describing classes and activities, but most of all, **START YOUR ENGINES WITH US ON SEPTEMBER 8.**

ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

September 28 & 29 will be our **125th Anniversary Celebration**. Saturday evening there will be a reception from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. to greet former ministers, Timothy's and student ministers. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a catered meal (we will start taking reservations next week), and then time for sharing from our ministers.

Sunday morning there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. with a special coffee hour following. There will be special music and recognition of all our invited guests.

Mark these dates!!



DMA - NEW LINCOLN MUSEUM TOUR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

GUIDED TOUR AT 1:45 P.M. SHARP

Noon lunch from menu at **BILL'S PALACE** on South Harrison. A room has been reserved at **BILL'S**. Park for lunch then car pool to Museum. This Museum has been compared to the Smithsonian. See you there!

SERVING AUGUST 25**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. George Bruckman & John Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Eileen Klepfer & John Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Mullen, J. Ott, J. Young

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J. Davis,

C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy, K.

Scott, E. Yeoman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, D. Graham, K. Graham

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, S. Brey, C. Falbe,

E. Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Rudy, J. Franklin, E. Gorman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**EVANGELISM CALLERS**

M. Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Marty Bier

SERVING SEPTEMBER 1**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Eunice Conrad & Judy Church

10:45 a.m. Kathy Blocher & Charles McGrew

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Bier, B. Bier, G. Brown, D.

Keebortz

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, L. Heimann, G.

Kern, K. Kern, M. McDougale,

O. McDougale, B. Widmer, R. Wise

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, K. Place, J.

McGrew, K. Howard

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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J. Kelly - T. Knuckles

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LINE DANCING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 6:00 P.M.

Howdy ya'll!!

It's time to put on your western attire and head over to First Christian Church and show off your fancy foot work. That's right - we are having us another line dance. Thanks to Paul and Sue Cavanaugh who will lead us.

If the weather is willing to cooperate, we will be pushing our tushes in the great outdoors (our parking lot) and maybe enjoy a little fall breeze.

Come and join the fun on Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.!!

Your Fellowship Team

TO ALL PARENTS & YOUTH GRADES 6TH - 12TH

This Sunday evening we are meeting to find out the interest of everyone for a fall youth program.

Parents: if you think it is important for First Christian to have a dynamic youth program, you need to be here to show your support and commitment.

Youth: if you want a youth program for the fall, you need to be here to share your ideas and hopes.

From Here to Zehr

Have you seen the freshly painted sanctuary? It has been interesting to hear all the positive comments, "Why have we waited so long?"; "I didn't realize how beautiful it would look?"; "If I knew it was going to look this good, I would have pushed for us to do it long ago!"

The process of the renovation has been an interesting one. It is reflective of the process of change in other parts of our lives as well. During the planning process there were some who didn't think we should do anything to the church. There were others who thought we should do as little as possible. Now that we can see the positive results of some of the changes, everyone is excited.

It seems with any change there will always be resistance. None of us "like" change even if we know it's necessary. One

of the things I have realized through this process is if you believe in what you are doing is the best thing for the church, you need to press forward. If you stopped at every point of resistance, nothing would ever get done.

Could this relate to our own lives and our dreams and hopes for tomorrow? Do you have a tendency to back off from your hopes when you feel the first signs of resistance. If so, read Romans 5:3-8.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. I hope to see everyone in church on Sunday. I've missed seeing some of you this summer!

NEWCOMERS CLASS

If you are new to the church or want to get into the basics of our Christian Faith, I want to invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor of the church. This will be an informal discussion on Church history, Disciple beliefs, and basics of the Bible. Anyone and everyone is welcomed!

Rev. Jerry Zehr

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(8-25)	108	\$3,667.21	\$1,707.00
Year-to-date	180	\$124,685.14	\$113,951.94

PLEASE NOTE

C.W.F. is taking orders for pecans this year. If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or call the church office to place your order by **September 15**. First orders will be shipped in November.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY ANDERSON-OCTOBER 10-12

Are you interested in seeing what our 200 Disciple congregations are doing?

You can gain a lot of information and inspiration by attending the Regional Assembly.

See Ken Taylor for registration forms and if you would be a voting delegate.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Administrative ministry team will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. This is for the chairpeople of property, stewardship, personnel, and finance.

Board meeting - September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Valetta Parlette is at Kingston Care Center, 1010 W. Washington Center Road for several more weeks.

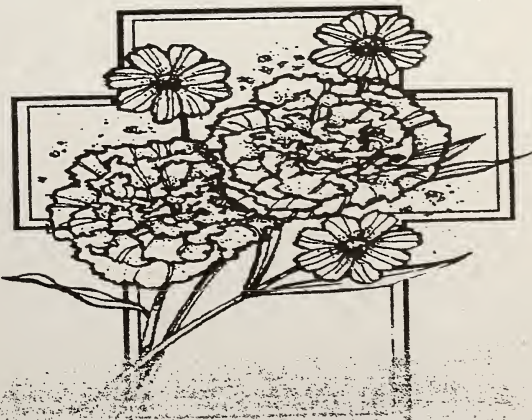
George Cole is home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ruth Truesdell is home from Lutheran Hospital.

HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR LOVE?

You can show it with flowers when you dedicate altar flowers to a loved one!

Floral arrangements are \$20.00 and you can choose your Sunday by registering on the floral calendar near the front entrance. Honor or remember someone today!



A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Sorry we may have mislead you!! Our letter describing FIRST CHRISTIAN "500" was intended to announce the beginning of our Stewardship Drive for 1997. We normally begin this prior to the new fiscal year.

Do not confuse this drive with any of the Capital Plan Funds. We are going to use the Pony Express program theme, however, we will use race cars and gasoline containers instead of Saddle Bags.

This Sunday, September 8 is the beginning of our drive!

START YOUR ENGINES!

FAMILY CAMP AWARDS 1996

Best Sunburn - tie between Eric Mory and Ken Taylor.

Slept least - tie between Lori Crouter and Judy Mey.

Early riser - Dick Mey.

Caught reading questionable book - Sally Rudy.

Lettered in Camp Marching Band (they woke us up playing pots and pans) - Lori Crouter; Larry, Melissa and Sara Brey; Heather, Dawn and Crystal Holmes; Caren, Jordan, and Jenna Wise; Ken Taylor.

Self-appointed Four Square King - Larry Brey.

Chief One-feather from Tribe of One - Jerry Zehr.

Never got dunked - Susan Knuckles.

Most frightened - Jenna Wise and Susie the Maltese.

Wettest pants after skits - Diane Bohlen.

First rule-breaker - Jerry Zehr.

Caught only fish in lake - Dick Mey.

Polar Bear Swim (7:00 a.m.) - Tim Knuckles; Ken Taylor; Jordan Wise; Melissa and Sara Brey; Lori Crouter, Dick Mey.

Songbirds - Larry Brey; Lori Crouter, Jerry Zehr.

Keepin us goin - Caren Wise, Diane Zehr, Laura McFarland.

Best sleepers - Elisabeth Olson, Megan McEvoy.

START YOUR ENGINES SEPTEMBER 8

It's Fall and time to get your Faith engines revved up! Come to worship this Sunday and find out! Let's get our Faith engines ready for the race of our lives!!!!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES PEACE AND JUSTICE EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Associated Churches Peace and Justice Commission is sponsoring a seminar entitled "The Unfolding Role of Women in the Church: New Doors". It will take place Sunday, October 6, 1996 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Fort Wayne, 4800 S. Calhoun Street. Registration begins at 2:30 and a light meal will be served at 5:00. The day will include time for speakers and small group processing of women's roles and opportunities in today's church environment. All women and men interested in the discussion of women's greater participation in the life of the church are welcome to attend. Contact Rev. Diane Zehr for more information at 744-3239.

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On Sunday morning there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. with a special coffee hour following.

TO: THE RACHEL GROUP

The Rachel Group will not meet in September, but will resume their meetings in October.

FOUND.....

A red "SPORTIES" billfold has been found in the church parking lot. Call the church office at 744-3239 if this may be yours.

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8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Cook, M. Crouse,
T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. D. Bohlen, G. Cole, J. Franklin,
E. Gorman, J. Mounsey, S. Brickley,
E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, S. Rudy

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, R. Wise, E.
Gorman, B. Bond

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M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6:00 p.m. Parent-Youth Pow Wow

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 p.m. Administrative Ministry
Team

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

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AUG. 27-SEPT. 16

Mary Cook(28), Jerry Medlin(28),
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Cobb(1), Grace Truby(2), Raymond Sar-
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ten(3), Diane Mory(4), Billy Suder(4),
Yvonne Fouts(6), Teresa Hatten(7), Ellen
Duncan(7), Katherine Smart(8), Kris Oh-
neck(9), Phyllis Lahr(9), Janice Ash-
ton(10), Erin Proegler(11), Ruth Plum-
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ket(12), Barb Rumpel(12), Beulah Tim-
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YAHOO!! LET'S KICK UP OUR HEELS AND DANCE

Howdy ya'll!!

It's time to put on your western attire and head over to First Christian Church and show off your fancy foot work. That's right - we are having us another line dance. Thanks to Paul and Sue Cavanaugh who will lead us.

If the weather is willing to cooperate, we will be pushing our tushes in the great outdoors (our parking lot) and maybe enjoy a little fall breeze.

Come and join the fun this **Sunday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.!!**

Your Fellowship Team

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS COMING

Have you made your reservation for the anniversary dinner on Saturday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m.? Registration deadline is Monday, September 16, so don't delay!

Call the church or send in the enclosed registration!

Reception - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Songfest - 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

One Worship Service on Sunday morning, September 29 at 10:00 a.m.

From Here to Zehr

Today was the day! I had promised myself I would begin my exercise program for the fall this week. I got up at 5:45 a.m. and went to the YMCA and played racquetball for an hour. My muscles yelled at me, "are you crazy", my lungs cried, "more oxygen", my legs refused to run! I couldn't believe how out of shape I got in just 3 months!!

It felt good to start to use those muscles again but it was very hard to get back in the routine again.

Our spiritual life is like exercising. If you don't "use it, you lose it!" (what a cliché). You don't realize how out of shape

you are spiritually until you try to draw on those resources. I realized I need a routine, a set discipline for my exercises to take. I just exercise when I feel like it, I would never do it. It's the same way with going to church or being in a Bible study.

Let's get back on a spiritual exercise program. Join us in church this Sunday, and also come to a Sunday School Class or a mid-week Bible study group.

Peace,

Jerry

TO: ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir practice will begin this coming Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. Following is a schedule of all practices for this year - mark your calendars:

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October 19 - 1:00 p.m.

November 9 - 1:00 p.m.

November 16 - 1:00 p.m.

November 23 - 1:00 p.m.

December 7 - 1:00 p.m.

December 14 - 10:00 a.m.

December 21 - 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

C.W.F. is taking orders for pecans this year. If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Rosie Krull at 432-6181 or call the church office to place your order **by September 15**. First orders will be shipped in November.

HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR LOVE?

You can show it with flowers when you dedicate altar flowers to a loved one!

Floral arrangements are \$20.00 and you can choose your Sunday by registering on the floral calendar near the front entrance. Honor or remember someone today! The 1997 flower chart is in the narthex.n However, we still need someone to sign up for flowers on November 17 and November 24, 1996. Please call the church office if you would like to sign up.



JOYS & CONCERNS

Valetta Parlette is scheduled to go back to Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road, Room 410 this coming Friday.

Rebecca Bowman is home from the hospital.

Bill Franklin had outpatient surgery on his wrist this week.

Congratulations to Bud and Mary Sue Ludwig as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Also, congratulations to Merle and Betty Grimm as they celebrate their 41st Wedding Anniversary.

Our prayers are with Dave Rinker

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Zehr,

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I'd like to thank you and your congregation for so generously allowing us the use of your church for our parenting classes. It has enabled us to offer childcare and is set-up so nicely for our needs.

Your kind support is deeply appreciated!

Sincerely,
Julie Hill-Fauer
Pregnancy/New Parent Services

FALL CLEAN-UP ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND 22

We are planning our annual Fall Clean-up on two Sundays in September. We are wanting to get the church grounds looking top-notch before the anniversary celebration. The hours planned for the days are 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We plan on trimming bushes, pulling weeds, and general cleaning up of the grounds. We hope that some of you will volunteer to help on one or both of the clean-up days. Please bring along any tools that might help out.

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The Property Committee

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YOUTH NEWS FLASH

This year the youth are going to run the show at youth group! Next week we will be meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to plan a schedule of events. Bring your calendars or call Katie Moll at 482-7519. We are hoping to do missionary work trips, Polaroid scavenger hunts and lock-ins.

ATTENTION ADULTS: We are looking for anyone interested in helping. Join us at 5:00 p.m. September 15 or call the church office. Thanks!

F.C.C. Youth Group

WHAT I BELIEVE, By George Cole

Any dictionary you might check defines evangelism as the preaching of the Christian gospel or the work of an evangelist. An evangelist does NOT have to be a Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. He or she can be anyone who works on furthering Christian beliefs in words, actions, and by the way they live!

An evangelist is not one who keeps their beliefs all to themselves. In Christ's own words from Matthew 5:15, the verse teaches that, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." Jesus advises us to let our light so shine before all men (and women) that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

In everyday language this simply means that your actions and words do not automatically impress and convert people to your way of thinking! Tell them WHY you act as you do because of your faith in something other than the material goods we all are involved in every day of our lives - money, positions and accomplishments along with notoriety! Our performance through life needs to reflect more than that. We must show that we are motivated by our convictions of living the RIGHT way. They should shine like the sun and be proof positive of what we believe in, namely, the guiding directions which came from the mouth of Jesus Christ while He was here on earth, teaching us right from wrong.

Whether your name might be John, Mary, Ruth, Bob, Bill or Julie, you need to reflect the Christian principles we have been taught on Sunday mornings while listening to Jerry and Diane, by reading the Bible and striving to live those principles on a seven day per week basis at work or play. This should hold true be we in our office, factory or home, in a public park, playing ball, while driving our car or in the market to purchase our food and drink. Wherever or whatever the occasion we should resemble Christian clones - look alikes due to our beliefs. I didn't say we should be perfect, although we should attempt to be as right as possible! It is impossible to be perfect. Remember that Christians are not perfect. They are forgiven!

Let your beliefs shine and glow toward all people. Be bright, passionate and positive when it comes to showing your Christian faith. Make it an aura of guidance for others to find the way through the 90's to the "Truth which will make us free."

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Year-to-date	178	\$128,352.35	\$120,252.41

SERVING SEPTEMBER 15 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Crouse & Kris Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Ken Taylor & Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Mullen, J. Ott, J. Young

10:45 a.m. B. Smith, K. Bushey, J. Davis,

C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy,

K. Scott

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - G. Brown

D. Mey - M. McDougale

J. Ohneck - O. McDougale

S. Hayes - J. McGrew

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EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Bob Bier

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Fall Clean-Up

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir practice

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5:00 p.m. CYF and Chi Rho

6:00 p.m. Line Dancing

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Fall Clean-Up

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS SEPT. 17-23

Dan Flickinger(17), George Cole(18),
Ginny Johnson(19), Mary Novachcoff(19),
Richard Crain(19), Klark Kerley(20), Ros-
alie Hall(20), Ruth Norton(21), Brian
Precht(22), Lynn Medlin(22), Westin Hud-
low(22), Anita Ellis(23)

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Come to the reception, dinner and worship services to greet one or all of our honored guests.

Following are some of the former ministers and out of town guests who will be attending:

Rev. & Mrs. Ed Weisheimer; Rev. & Mrs. Art Vermillion; Rev. & Mrs. George Wasovich; Rev. & Mrs. Harold Cline; Dr. & Mrs. Richard Hamm; Rev. & Mrs. Donald Wiltfong; Rev. Miriam Bixenman; Rev. and Mrs. Ed Allen, Jr.; Rev. Jim Grimshaw; Rev. Andrea Leininger.

From Here to Zehr

Anniversaries are great celebrations. Diane and I will be celebrating our wedding anniversary this fall. The date is mmmm..... I know it! I'm just kidding!! On our anniversary we always look back over the years and reflect on the joys and struggles of life together. We also look to the future and ask each other what we hope for the relationship in the next year. What can we work on together to make our relationship stronger.

The church is having its anniversary celebration in a couple of weeks and it will be a good time to look to the past and reflect on the joys and struggles we have gone

through as a community of faith.

But let's not stop there! We need to let our past send us forth into the future. Do you still have a dream, a hope for the church to realize? Will you be interested to see that dream come into reality?

May our anniversary celebration inspire all of us to live more faithful and committed lives for Christ and the future of his church!!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Let's all be in church this Sunday.

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 November 23 - 1:00 p.m.
 December 7 - 1:00 p.m.
 December 14 - 10:00 a.m.
 December 21 - 1:00 p.m.

FLOWERS NEEDED

Flowers are still need on November 17 and November 24, 1996. Cost is \$20.00. You may take the flowers home with you after the second worship service.

If you would like to sign up, please call the church office at 744-3239 to request either of these two dates. Thank you.

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Thanks so much.

Your Fellowship Committee

JOYS & CONCERNS

Valetta Parlette is back home at Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road, Room 410.

Our sympathy is with Dave Rinker and his family as his father passed away this week.

Our sympathy is also with the family of Ruth Norton who also passed away this week.

We wish to welcome Zack and Holly Mathis as they transferred their membership to F.C.C. last Sunday. They live at 5010 Buell Drive 46807 Phone: 456-4730. They have a daughter named Ashley. Welcome!

UPCOMING MEETING

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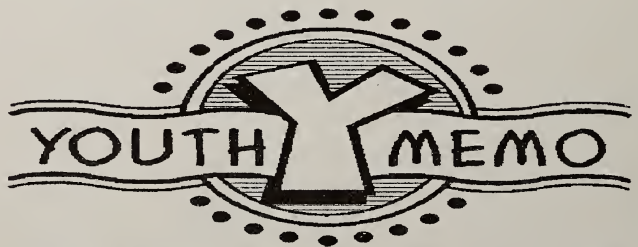
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YOUTH NEWS FLASH

Next Sunday, September 22, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Bring 1-2 liter pop and \$\$ for pizza. We will finish planning and then PLAY.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The column below is presented to let everyone at First Christian Church know just how we are doing on our numbers as of the end of August, 1996.

As of the end of August, 1996, we are behind in pledged giving by \$12,000.00. If pledged giving were up-to-date as of the end of August, 1996, we would have received \$130,200.00, while our actual receipts are \$118,200.00. This shortfall is spread over a significant number of our members in small amounts, which for the most part could be considered an oversight for each individual giver. The impact on the church of the accumulation of all these small amounts is significant, however, as evidenced by the giving shortfall of \$12,000.00. Some of the giving "gap" has been made up by committee fund raising activities, but each individual congregation members response in supporting their pledge is what pays for the church's day to day operation.

A deficit budget is not a pleasant situation. The options available to the Finance committee in a deficit situation are:

1. Borrow money to make up the deficit. The borrowings must then be paid back out of future revenue, which penalizes next year's program, or
2. Reduce our expenses by the appropriate amount by cutting programming and/or staff.

Neither option is pleasant to contemplate.

At the September meeting, the board authorized borrowing \$8,000.00 so that our program could go forward while an appeal to the congregation was formulated.

Our program remains the first class undertaking that everyone has come to expect and all the committees and staff are working to insure that our church life continues vibrant and exciting. I am appealing to the congregation at large to prayerfully consider their pledge and bring it current.

Bill Johnson, Finance Chairperson

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Year-to-date	178	\$132,019.56	\$124,425.04

SERVING SEPTEMBER 22**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Judy Church & George Bruckman**10:45 a.m.** John Kelly & Eileen Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, D. Keebortz,
M. Mullen**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, G.
Kern, K. Kern, M. McDougale, O. McDougale,
B. Widmer, R. Wise**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**EVANGELISM CALLERS**

Eve Gorman & Marlene Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Diane Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

2:00 p.m. Fall Clean-Up

5:00 p.m. CYF and Chi Rho

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

CWF to Irene Byron

6:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

4:00 p.m. Anniversary Reception

6:00 p.m. Anniversary Dinner

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**SEPT. 24-30**Robert Petty(24), Jenny Harter(25),
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John Briggs(29), Lorrie Markley(29)Published
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From Here to Zehr

On Saturday, October 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. the south side is having a home tour of five different style homes in our community. Our house will be one of the homes. Diane and I want to invite you to come and join the community as they tour our home. They will be selling tickets for the tour at different locations on the south side that Saturday. Our church will be one of the locations. Cost for the tickets will be \$5.00. Proceeds will go to improvements in the neighborhood.

In conjunction with the tour, there will

be a recital at our church on that Saturday from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Phyllis Lahr will be the featured pianist with Lori Crouter and Becca Widmer being the guest soloists.

To another subject, **don't forget there is only one worship service this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Peace,

Jerry

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE)

WHAT: DMA OCTOBER ACTIVITY

WHERE: PUMPKIN FASHION FARM, LIGONIER, IN

WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1996

TIME: MEET IN CHURCH PARKING LOT AND DEPART AT NOON

COST: LUNCH FROM MENU PLUS \$2.00 FOR TOURS

We can carpool to the Fashion Farm where we will have lunch at the restaurant in a 100 year old mill room reserved just for us! Immediately after lunch we will tour "This Ole House Memories" which is an 1890's farm house filled with nostalgia. Then we will proceed to "Pumpkin Fantasyland" to see a very unique pumpkin display. Please call the church office no later than Friday, September 27 to make a reservation. Hope you can join us for our first Fall outing!!! Brochures and menu available in the church office.

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This week(9-15)	176	\$3,667.21	\$3,167.71
Year-to-date	178	\$135,686.77	\$127,592.75

1996 RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Your 1996 opportunity to give to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Reconciliation Offering is here.

In a world that continues to be divided by the sin of racism, your support of this offering is more important than ever. The Reconciliation Offering helps our church—locally, regionally, and throughout North America—support projects that get people talking to one another and develop multi-cultural understanding.

The 1996 Reconciliation Offering calls us to recognize racism in our midst, seek repentance as a society, and spread the reconciling message of the Gospel by supporting projects that seek to eliminate the sin of racism. In most cases, 50 cents of every dollar given to this offering is returned to local or regional Reconciliation projects and ministries. Please give generously!

Joys
&
Concerns

Congratulations to Deb Lehman in the birth of her first grandchild! JoAnnah Kay Bartos was born on Thursday, September 19, 1996 in Glenwood, MN. Joe and Melissa Bartos are the proud parents.

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E. Gorman, L. McFarland, J. Mounsey,

B. Smith, L. Vandergriff

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Ott, S. Brickley, K. Bushey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Marlene Crouse & Eve Gorman

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

4:00 p.m. Anniversary Reception

6:00 p.m. Anniversary Dinner

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 p.m. Apostles Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:00 noon D.M.A. to Pumpkin Fantasy Farm in Ligonier

7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 a.m. South Side Home Tour

12:00 noon Piano Recital

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 1-7

Anna Taylor(1), Estel Vandergriff(2),
Bruce Stone(3), Jamie Bushey(4), Kathlyn
Banet(4), Jean McGrew(5), Deb Lester-
Webb(5), Earl Plummer(6), Betty Maks(7),

Bryce Stover(7)

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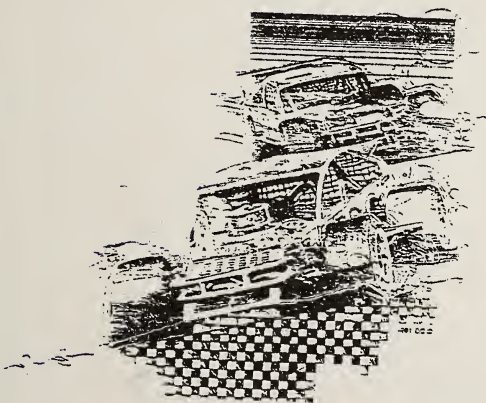
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"LADIES & GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES" ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE THE FIRST CHRISTIAN 500



Like the fuel that moves an Indy car, our pledges are the fuel that drives the ongoing programs and ministries of First Christian Church.

Over the next month our congregation will be prayerfully considering what we can offer as pledges for 1997 as we seek to support the church and make a witness for God to this community and our world.

We urge you to examine your hearts, minds and spirits as you participate in the race of life where God can be the winner.

Each Sunday for the next three weeks we will hear a member of our congregation tell us what giving means to them. We hope it will help you focus your thoughts on this as we move towards RACE DAY - OCTOBER 20 when the pledges will begin to be received.

Watch your mail next week for a letter that will explain the way we'll receive our pledges.

George Bruckman, Bill Franklin

From Here to Zehr

It's Monday morning and I feel inspired and tired!

What a great weekend! The reception, dinner and worship service was inspirational. There were so many people who made this a wonderful weekend for our church.

A special thanks to the Anniversary Committee for all the preparations: Jack Weicker, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Lois Finkhousen and Bill Franklin.

Also, Delores Keebortz and Becca Widmer for preparing the historical and

present ministries of the church.

Brian Precht and the choir sang dynamic song on Sunday.

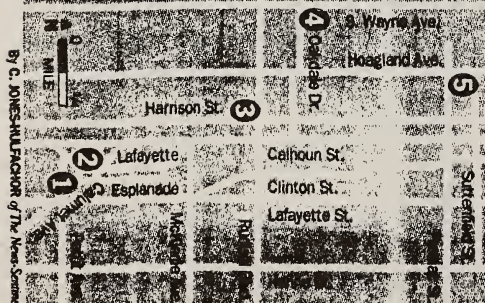
We have historical booklets in the office if you haven't picked one up yet. We also have the mementos for those who have ordered them - call the church office.

I hope our celebration will give us all a new commitment to be the "Touchstone For Tomorrow."

Peace,

Jerry

SOUTH SIDE HOME TOUR



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5-10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

TICKETS: \$4.00 AT SCOTT'S BEFORE
SATURDAY

\$5.00 SATURDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN
CONCERTS:

NOON-1:00 P.M. - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

4:00-5:00 P.M. - REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Homes on tour include Jerry and Diane's home.
Proceeds go to **Baby's Closet Ministries.**

NEEDED....

20-2 LB. coffee cans with lids to be used for our Stewardship Drive.

Please bring the cans to the church office by October 15. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN....

If you would like to be a participant of the prayer chain, please call Evelyn Yeoman as soon as possible at 489-2349 as the new prayer chain lists are going to be revised.

If you have not participated in this ministry before, we think you will find it very rewarding.

1996 RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Your 1996 opportunity to give to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Reconciliation Offering is here.

In a world that continues to be divided by the sin of racism, your support of this offering is more important than ever. The Reconciliation Offering helps our church—locally, regionally, and throughout North America—support projects that get people talking to one another and develop multi-cultural understanding.

The 1996 Reconciliation Offering calls us to recognize racism in our midst, seek repentance as a society, and spread the reconciling message of the Gospel by supporting projects that seek to eliminate the sin of racism. In most cases, 50 cents of every dollar given to this offering is returned to local or regional Reconciliation projects and ministries. Please give generously!

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

Thelma Onion is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Our sympathy is extended to George and Doris Mather in the recent death of George's mother.

We welcome Greg and Jenny Baitz as they joined First Christian Church on Sunday, September 29, 1996. Greg made his confession of faith and Jenny transferred her membership from Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie, Indiana. Their address is: 4857 Coventry Parkway 46804. Welcome!

YOUTH NEWS....

The Youth Group is meeting this Sunday, October 6, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. at the church.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

If you got your picture taken for the pictorial directory, you may pick up one of these for your family at the church office.

SERVING OCTOBER 6**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Sara Davis & Kris Ohneck**10:45 a.m.** Bill Franklin & Charles McGrew**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Mullen, J. Ott, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** E. Gorman, K. Bushey, J. Davis,

C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy,

K. Scott, E. Yeoman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Klepfer - K. Scott

K. Ohneck - E. Vandergriff

K. Taylor - E. Yeoman

G. Bruckman - B. Widmer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Ott, S. Brickley, K. Bushey

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

10:00 a.m. South Side Home Tour

12:00 noon Piano Recital

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Associated Churches Women
in Church

5:00 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

MONDAY, OCTOBER 77:00 p.m. Married With Children LIFE
Group at McFarland's7:00 p.m. Young and the Restless LIFE
Group at Lori Crouter's**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

6:30 a.m. Administrative Committee

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 97:00 p.m. Friends LIFE Group at Deb
Lehman's7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church**OCTOBER 10 & 11**

Regional Assembly in Anderson, IN

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**OCTOBER 8-14**

Eileen Klepfer(8), Bill Johnson(9),
Kathy Graham(10), Mike Chapin(10), Doris
Koehlinger(11), Pheung Phomsoupha(11),
John Truesdell(12), Anne Scott(12), Lori
Bagley(12), Charles Wrisk(13), Jim
Bramel(14)

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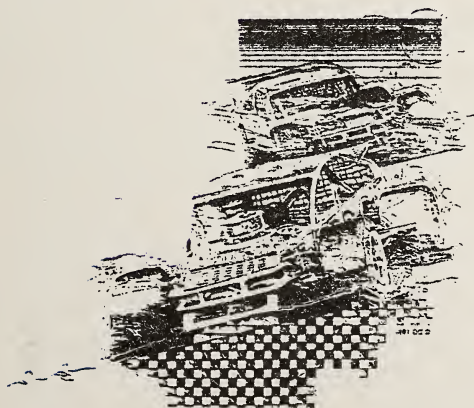
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DON'T GET A SPEEDING TICKET!



The race is getting ready to begin!

We have our drivers and the routes have been chosen.

We will begin on **Sunday, October 20, 1996** for our 500 mile race! Each driver will have a route to complete, with receiving pledge cards for the 1997 year from their list of members of the church.

This is an important time in the life of the church because it is the time we will find out what people will pledge for the ministry in 1997.

Please start to think and pray about what you can give to help the church complete the race set before us.

From Here to Zehr

This week marks the beginning of my 6th year as your Senior Pastor. How quickly time flies by!

Are things any different after five years? It is exciting to see two new L.I.F.E. groups starting. One is for young adults, and one for couples with children. Five years ago we did not have enough young adults to have a group like this, and that is encouraging.

I believe the change we did with one of our services becoming a Contemporary Service was the right course to take. We are seeing more young couples in that service.

Our nursery is full and we have over 50 children in Sunday School.

Change is hard for all of us to accept but I hope and believe the process we have begun will bring new generations to Christ and salvation to their souls.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Senior Pastor over these five years, and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us as we join together in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Jerry



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 6, 1996

Bryan Roeger, 1625 Edgewater Avenue 46805; **Jason Torey**, 1517 Rabus Drive 46825.

HALLOWEEN TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT - OCTOBER 27 - 5:30 P.M.

Get out your Superman costume and carve your pumpkins. Now is the time to plan how you will decorate your trunk for our annual Tailgate party.

Do you have some neighbors, or friends, whom you would like to experience the First Christian community? Now's the time to invite them to join you for an evening of fun.

Each year, we offer a safe place of trick-or-treating to our community as part of our outreach to the neighborhood.

All adults are invited to participate by bringing a sack of treats and a lawn chair so you can sit by the trunk of your car and hand out treats to the costumed characters who come by to greet you.

See you then. We'll have a Boo-tiful time!

FURNISHINGS RE-USE COMMITTEE

Updating facilities and redecoration in the church necessitates many changes. A special committee has been appointed to consider an appropriate manner to accomplish this mission.

Very soon there will be a complete change in the parlor area including painting, carpeting, furnishings and lighting equipment.

If you have fond memories or admiration of items, we hope you will understand the recommendation to hold a silent auction to give interested members an opportunity to acquire an admired or memorable item.

Please feel free to visit the area soon. Watch for an auction date which will be announced in the "Tidings."

From: Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Vince Wells, Sue Brey, David Kreischer, Roger Moll

PLEASE NOTE...

This is the last week for historical information to be in the board room. Also, last week for the present information that is in the library. Check it out!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Mimi Westerfield as she recovers from surgery.

Thelma Onion is home from the hospital.

Our prayers are with Brian and Margaret Prechtl as they are going through a very difficult time.

Congratulations to Zac and Holly Mathis in the dedication of their daughter, Ashley, last Sunday in worship.

YOUTH NEWS....

This Sunday, October 13 CROP Walk!

Stay after church for soup. Walk starts at 2:00 p.m. Bring change of clothes and shoes. We will come back to the church. Parents pick up at the church between 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

TO: RACHEL GROUP

The Rachel Group will meet on Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. at Mildred Hutchinson's/Mildred Hartman's, 422 W.Oakdale. All are welcome!

SERVING OCTOBER 13**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Anne Moll & John Ohneck

10:45 a.m. Gene Klepfer & Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Bier, B. Bier, D. Keebortz,
T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. D. Bohlen, D. Heimann, L.
Heimann, G. Kern, K. Kern, M. McDougale,
O. McDougale, L. Vandergriff

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Kelly - M. Crouse

K. Blocher -

J. Church - B. Smith

A. Moll - S. Rudy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bier's & D. Bohlen

EVANGELISM CALLERS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Marty Bier

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

2:00 p.m. C.R.O.P. Walk

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:30 a.m. Rachel Group @M.Hartman's
& M. Hutchinson's, 422 W. Oakdale

10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House at
the church

7:00 p.m. W.O.E. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:30 p.m. Capital Committee

7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE Group at Deb
Lehman's

7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**OCTOBER 15-21**

Dick Ashton(15), Edna Vaught(15),
Herb Banet(17), Ruth Ogles(17), Charlie
Byrket(18), Wilbur Snook(21), Leotha
Jones(21)

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PIT CREW INFORMATION (THIS INCLUDES THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION)

Our First Christian "500" starts this Sunday, October 20, 1996. Sometime within the next week or two a fellow member will deliver to you a special Gas Can containing very little "fuel" (it needs a little help from you, friends).

Here's all you need to do:

1. Remove the lid from the can. Inside you will find an Estimate of Giving Card. Fill in the amount of tithes and offering you expect to present to God through your church. Seal the card in the enclosed envelope and place it in the Gas Can. Replace the lid.
2. Now complete your part of the Pit Stop as soon as possible and quickly relay the Gas Can to the next family on the route list. You may wish to contact ahead to be sure they are home. Try to complete your effort in 24 hours.
3. After you have delivered the Gas Can immediately call your driver (team captain) and notify him or her.

As all auto races, the success of the entire team depends on dedication, commitment and team work of each person.

God will be our winner however it takes all of us together to get there. We're counting on you!

From Here to Zehr

I want you to look ahead to Sunday, November 3. We will be going up to Camp Barbee for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with other Disciple churches in our area. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. Come for an afternoon of celebration!

The South Side Tour was a great success and raised over \$1,500 for our Baby Closet Ministry. It was exciting to see a number of neighborhoods join together to make such an event possible.

Finally, Brian Prechtel, our music

director and his wife Margaret lost the baby before her term was complete. Our sympathy and prayers goes out to the family. We have been blessed to have Brian as our musical director and their whole family in our community. Please keep them in your prayers.

Peace,

Jerry

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

The American Lung Association of Indiana is in need of volunteers to represent our organization at local area health fairs this fall. Time commitment is between three and eight hours depending on the fair. The Lung Association provides services in our community to those with chronic lung disease, which includes asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

To volunteer, contact Polly Reichard at (219) 426-1170 or toll free 1-800-LUNG- USA.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(10-6)	188	\$3,667.21	\$5,859.81
Year-to-date	180	\$146,688.40	\$138,321.27

EXCESS PEWS

There are a number of pews that will be removed from use. If anyone wants one of these pews please contact Roger Moll, Jim Bushey or Dick Mey by Sunday, October 27 so plans for their removal can be made.

Roger Moll, Board Moderator

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Brian and Margaret Prechtl and family in the loss of their baby, Ruth.

A big thank you to the youth that participated in the C.R.O.P. Walk last Sunday!

Dorothy Green is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

CHURCH RENOVATION REPORT

Much has occurred at First and more is yet to come. The new rest rooms are under construction north of the sanctuary and when complete will be open to Fellowship Hall. A new tile floor will be installed in Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen. New carpet will be installed in the Board Room and the Library.

The Parlor will be completely renovated including painting, carpet, window treatment and furnishings. There will be some other projects not as obvious but very important in completing the above projects and caring for the church building.

As a result of the projects there will be some fixtures and furnishings that will be removed from use. This includes several pews, most of the furniture from the Parlor, some stacking chairs and other items yet to be identified. A committee has been formed to plan the disposal of these items.

If you have any questions or comments on the church renovation please call me.

Roger Moll, Board Moderator

ONE CHURCH-ONE OFFENDER

On Monday night, October 28, 1996 One Church - One Offender will hold its annual dinner at Hall's Guesthouse. The speaker will be Kevin Brown, of the Minirth-Meier New Life Clinic and Author. You might recognize the name from a radio show on WLAB Christian Radio. This event is a way for the organization to make some money and let everybody know what they are doing. A table of eight costs \$160 and I need 6 people who would like to attend with Teresa and me.

If you can't attend the dinner but would like to help sponsor one of the church committees or a client to attend let me know. The cost for a committee is \$160 and each client is \$20.

Charlie Hatten

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES CROP WALK

The 1996 Associated Churches CROP Walk was a great success. Over \$15,000 was pledged by around 350 walkers who took part in the annual walk to support hunger programs locally and around the world. I would like to thank my very efficient team of helpers for all their hard work. They were: Joan and Bill Franklin, Sue and Ed Allen, Diane and Jim Laslev, Ken Taylor, Bob Smith, and Teresa Hatten.

I would also like to thank Jim Bushey for the sign holders and the big hammer. First Christian had a nice turnout of walkers and represented the church well. I'm sure they will be visiting those of you who pledged real soon.

Charlie Hatten

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

IN NURSING HOMES & RETIREMENT HOMES:

The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd. 46835

Fern Kenline, Room 202

Freda Flaugh, Room 301

Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3555 Spy Run Ext. 46805

Dorothy Green, Room 303

Ardith Wrisk, Room 217

Kingston Residence, 7515 Winchester Road, Room 410 46819

Valetta Parlette

Life Care Center, 1649 Spy Run Avenue 46805

Irene Kissinger, Room 32-1

Lutheran Home, 6723 S. Anthony Blvd. 46816

Paul Waugh, E333

Velma Hechler, Room 116

Mariner Health Care Center, 4430 Elsdale Drive 46835

Bernice Montgomery, Room 317-1

Riverbend, 7519 Winchester Road 46819

Lou Simmons, Room 105-2

St. Anne's Nursing Home, 1900 Randalia Drive 46805

Ressie Ehresman, Room 324-B

Golden Rose, Room 208-A

AT HOME:

Walter Bowen, 1924 Senior Drive 46805

Lucille Branstrator, 9721 Coverdale Road 46809

Glenn & Lola Miller, 5410 Butterfield Drive 46835

Jack & Emma Phillips, 1737 Godfrey Road 46819

Lila Russell, 3936 Irene Court 46808

Coleen Wilcoxson & Orda Glentzer, 746 Candlelite Court 46807

Charles Wrisk, 259 E. Sherwood Terrace 46807

SERVING OCTOBER 20 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. George Bruckman & Judy Church

10:45 a.m. Ken Taylor &

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. G. Brown, A. Cook, M. Crouse,
T. Knuckles

10:45 a.m. G. Cole, J. Franklin, S. Brickley,
L. McFarland, J. Mounsey, E. Rieke,
B. Widmer, R. Wise

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bier's & D. Bohlen

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Dick Mory

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group

7:00 p.m. Married With Children LIFE
Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House at
the church

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE Group at Deb
Lehman's

7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 a.m. Deacons Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Sherwood to Pettit Assoc.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:00 p.m. LIFE Group Leaders

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 22-28

Bill Love(22), Don Pomeroy(23), Tom
Mathis(25), Steven Mullen(25), Charles
Murray(28)



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TAILGATE TRICK OR TREAT
THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
5:30 P.M.



Can Superman return from his honeymoon in time to join us again this year?

Is Elvis in the building?

Come find out who are the real "characters" in our church (as if we didn't know!).

Come in costume or "out" of costume (clothes preferred though), and bring lots of treats, maybe a lawn chair so you can enjoy the children and the child in all of us.

See you Sunday!



A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

The last couple of weeks I have had different individuals express their desire to understand the Bible more fully. Worship is an important part of our Christian walk but it does not replace the study and exploration of the Holy Scriptures for our lives. Many of us know some favorite passages of the Bible, but do not have a grasp of the Bible in its wholeness, and this stops us from reading and using the Bible as a guide for our everyday life.

How many times have you started to read the Bible beginning with Genesis only to get discouraged with all the unusual names and locations and stop your reading?

If you are not in a Sunday School class presently I want to invite you to a new 10

week study I will be teaching in the Parlor called, "Getting Acquainted with your Bible." My hope is by the end of the 10 weeks, everyone will have a better grasp of the Bible and feel like it will be an important guide for your life.

10 week class - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday mornings

Title: "Getting Acquainted with your Bible"

Place: In the Parlor

Teacher: Rev. Jerry Zehr

Peace,

Jerry

ANYTHING BUT TURKEY NIGHT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.

It's time for a Harvest homecoming of food, fun and fellowship and that's just what your Fellowship ministry team has planned for all of us to enjoy.

Now we know you'll be eatin' lots of turkey that week, so we propose let's do a pitch-in and bring any food BUT turkey!

The turkeys for the evening will be some of our "talented" church members who will entertain us after dinner. You may want to sign up for the turkey - talent - roster. See Laura McFarland or Caren Wise to do that.

Those whose last names begin with letters A-M are invited to bring a main dish. Those whose last names begin with letters N-Z can bring vegetable, salad, or dessert.

Fellowship will provide rolls, drinks, table service and lots of enthusiasm.

Mark your calendars.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

We do want to thank you for such a wonderful weekend in Fort Wayne. It was a great celebration and we did enjoy our time with old friends.

Sincerely,

Miriam Bixenman

Peggy Buskirk

joys
&
concerns

Dorothy Green is back at the Courtland Health & Rehabilitation Center after her stay at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Ruth Truesdell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

THE RACE IS ON AND WE'RE OFF AND RUNNING FOR THE FIRST LAP OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN 500

Sometime soon a gas can will make it's way to your doorstep for our annual fall stewardship campaign.

All you have to do is indicate on the card enclosed what you will be pledging for God's work at First Christian Church for 1997.

Then, we are asking that you deliver the can to the next family or person on your list. Maybe you'll meet a new friend!

When the can is delivered, give your driver (team leader) a call so he/she will know just where the can is.

We are hoping to wave the checkered flags on this campaign by Sunday, November 17 so let's keep the cans moving!

George Bruckman

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(10-13)	174	\$3,667.21	\$2,875.50
Year-to-date	180	\$150,355.61	\$141,196.77

SERVING OCTOBER 27**ELDERS**

8:15 a.m. Eunice Conrad & Ralph Church

10:45 a.m. Eileen Klepfer & Kathy Blocher

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Mullen, J. Ott, J. Young

10:45 a.m. S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J. Davis,
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E. Yeoman

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D. Mey - J. Franklin

J. Ohneck - L. Heimann

S. Hayes - E. Rieke

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Davis & D. Lehman

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Eve Gorman & Marlene Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 a.m. Kathy Blocher

**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

8:00 a.m. Deacons Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Sherwood to Pettit Assoc.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:30 p.m. Life Group Leaders Meeting

5:30 p.m. Tailgate Party

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:00 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE Group at Deb
Lehman's

7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House
LIFE Group

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**OCT. 29-NOV. 4**

Katie Moll(29), Deborah Rinker(29),
Jeffrey Grier(30), Kelli Kern(31), Charles
Schnobel(31), Gary Falbe(31), Jim
Shirley(31), Coleen Wilcoxson(1), Violet
Wuthrich(1), Sharon Eme(1), Judy
Church(2), Jane Walsh(4), Ruth Stone(4)



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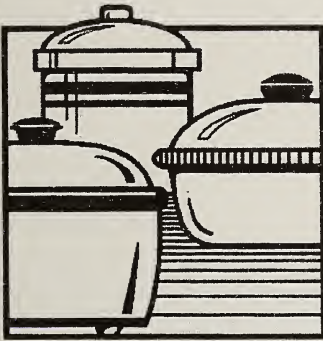
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ANYTHING BUT TURKEY NIGHT NOVEMBER 24, 1996 AT 5:00 P.M.



It's that time of the year when nothing smells better than a casserole or pie baking in the oven. So why don't you do just that and bring the "fruits" of your labor to share at our pitch-in fellowship night, Sunday, November 24th.

So that we have a good balance of foods we are asking those families with last names beginning A-M bring main dishes, N-Z bring vegetable, salads, or desserts.

Your fellowship team will provide table service, rolls, and drinks.

Following dinner, we'll have some entertainment put on by the "turkeys" among us. If you want to sign up to do that please call Laura McFarland at 436-5839 or Caren Wise at 482-4609.

We know this will be a great evening and look forward to having YOU there!



From Here to Zehr

Next week we will be gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas to celebrate our Wedding Anniversary. If there is an emergency call George Bruckman at the church office at 744-3239 or Ralph Church (chair of the Elders at home) 447-5691.

It's hard to believe that anyone would

put up with my idiosyncrasies for 12 years! I thank God for Diane and all her gifts God has given her.

See you next week!

Peace,

Jerry



FIRST CHRISTIAN 500
"MAKE GOD THE WINNER"

We are in the second week of our stewardship drive and the enthusiasm is building. Some drivers have completed their "pit stops" and have been very successful. During the fellowship moments at the worship service last Sunday, the congregation was asked by a show of hands to indicate a contact by one of the drivers. Approximately 50% responded. We are making God the winner!

Some of you have reminded us to be sure and contact our "out of town" members and we want to assure you this has been done.

We have also placed pledge cards on a table in the Narthex to assist those who have not received one. Please feel free to use them when necessary.

Our latest report-10/28/96 - \$40,000.00.

LOST....

A herring bone coat, deep gray (almost black) with gold lining (worn), velvet collar on sofa in the parlor last Thursday. Call Elizabeth Dull at 456-3804 if you may have picked it up by mistake. Thank you.

WALK TO BETHLEHEM

Now that the Tailgate Party is over, are you ready to Walk to Bethlehem? Sign up sheets will be in fellowship hall Sunday. This is our next opportunity to reach out to the community with the message of love and hope of Jesus Christ. Our attendance goal this year is 1,000 people. Why not 1,500?!!!

THANK YOU!

Well, Superman didn't return in the building but we had another successful Tailgate Party with lots of fun and some great new costumes.

Thanks to all who helped, whether with cooking or clean up. Hope to see you again next year!

THEY ARE HERE!

The two year calendar planners for 1997-1998 are here. See Evelyn Yeoman in fellowship hall this Sunday. Cost is a mere \$1.50 each.

Joys & Concerns

John Truesdell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Ruth Truesdell is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Art Thomas will have outpatient surgery this week.

Good news for Gary & Kelli Kern...due to a job promotion they will be moving to Syracuse, New York! Congratulations!

Congratulations also goes to the band of Homestead High School as they finished 1st in the State Band (Class A) contest for the 3rd year in a row!

EXCESS PEWS

There are a number of pews that will be removed from use. If anyone wants one of these pews please contact Roger Moll, Jim Bushey, or Dick Mey right away so plans can be made for their removal. Thank you.

Roger Moll, Board Moderator

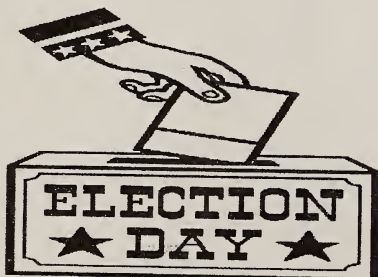
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Year-to-date	180	\$154,022.82	\$143,419.96

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B. Smith**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, G.
Kern, K. Kern, M. McDougale, O. McDougale,
E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

J. Davis & D. Lehman

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Bob Bier**NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

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CHURCH CALENDAR**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

2:30 p.m. Northern Lights Area Assem-
bly at Barbee Christian Camp**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**7:00 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group7:00 p.m. Married with Children
LIFE Group**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 67:00 p.m. Friends LIFE group at Deb
Lehman's7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House
LIFE Group**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**NOVEMBER 5-11**

Martha Christy(5), John Phillips(5),
Tony York(5), James Evans(7), Anna
Lyons(7), Tim Norton(11), Marilyn Mc-
Dougle(11), Beth Falb(11)

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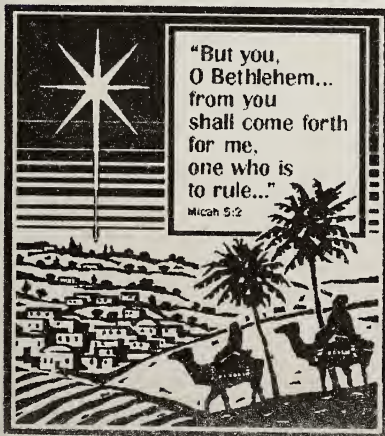
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From Here to Zehr

Following is an article that Rev. Ron Connerly (Sue Allen's son-in-law) wrote in the newsletter of his church. I couldn't say it any better, so I thought I would reprint his article. Thanks Ron!

"THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY"

Sometimes you hear people say, "The Church is always asking for money." That statement is untrue.

It is the world which is always asking for money, not the Church. When did you last go to the grocery store and the checker failed to ask you for money? Your mortgage company asks for money with unfailing regularity. If you are like most people, each month brings a new collection of bills. Are any of them from the Church? Who withholds a percentage of every dollar you earn? Your Uncle does that. Your Father does not.

There is no free lunch — except at the Church. You can attend worship every week — there is no admission charge. If you are sick, someone from the church will visit you in the hospital. Where else can you receive free counseling when you need it? Where will your children be married? Several hundred people receive a newsletter every week. None receives a subscription notice "asking for money" as with other publications.

What do you do when your loved one dies? What will it cost? The funeral

home will certainly charge for its services. Your Church will not. The Church building will always be there when you need it — clean, heated and with kitchen and nursery provided. You make full use of it and never pay one dime. No one will even know whether you contribute or not.

You have to pay taxes to provide your children "free" public education, but your Church operates a Sunday School which will give quality Christian education with absolutely no cost or obligation. The Church requires no membership fee, no annual dues. It never sends its members a bill. Is there any other organization in the world that functions that way? I do not know of any. You see, the truth is the Church "asks for money" LESS than anything else you can think of. Consider this paradox. Compared to the government and the bill collectors, the Church almost NEVER asks for money. Yet of all the things your money could be used for, very few are more important than what the Church provides.

In spite of all the Church provides, some people think tithing is too much to ask.

There are people who think that tithing is merely a scheme to raise money. But that is not the case. Tithing is God's plan for financing the work of His Kingdom. But it is also His program to develop within people a sense of partnership with God.

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HERE TO ZEHR CONTINUED

Tithing does something for your soul. The tragedy of material things is that they have the power to make a man forget he has a soul.

The Church is here to share the love of Jesus Christ Himself. Our money goes to serve Him. We will continue to provide ministry in Jesus' name to everyone, whether they can afford to contribute or not. Isn't that something you would like to be a part of?

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21

Peace,

Jerry

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Administrative Committee - Tuesday, November 12, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees - Tuesday, November 12, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

JOYS
&
CONCERNS

John Truesdell is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Ed Allen is at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

RACHEL GROUP

The Rachel Group will meet on Tuesday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mildred Hutchinson's and Mildred Hartman's, 422 W. Oakdale Drive. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE....

TO: Drivers of the First Christian 500..... November 10 is the completion date for Gas Cans. with a final wrap-up by November 17. Please make every effort to complete this task on

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
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Year-to-date	180	\$157,690.03	\$145,486.06

D.M.A. NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 12, 1996

WHEN: 12:00 noon. Lunch at the Window Garden Restaurant
1:15 p.m. Embassy Theater Tour

COST: Lunch from menu
\$1.00 for tour

We will meet at the Window Garden for a cafeteria style lunch. We will then proceed over to the Embassy Theater for a guided tour. We are to enter from Jefferson under the new Indiana Hotel Canopy. It should prove to be a very interesting opportunity. Hope to see YOU there!!!

RENOVATION REPORT

The projects at the church are moving forward with supplies and furnishings ordered and contractors scheduled. As with all construction, there are surprises and delays. Since there are some furnishings that will not continue in service, there will be an open bid "Silent Auction" for these items. The items will include some furnishings from the library, parlor and other corners of the church. This is a method of distributing items among interested people. Identified items will be collected after November 17 and bid sheets will be attached to them. The last and highest bids will be determined at 6:00 p.m. at the Harvest Dinner Fellowship on Sunday, November 24.

Roger Moll

ANYTHING BUT TURKEY NIGHT NOVEMBER 24, 1996 AT 5:00 P.M.

We will have a pitch-in fellowship night on Sunday, November 24. So that we have a good balance of foods we are asking those families with last names beginning A-M to bring main dishes, N-Z bring vegetable, salads, or desserts. Your fellowship team will provide table service, rolls, and drinks. Following dinner, we'll have some entertainment put on by the "turkeys" among us. If you want to sign up to do that please call Laura McFarland at 436-5839 or Caren Wise at 482-4609.



WE'RE NOW IN THE
"HOME STRETCH"

Thanks to the blazing speed of so many of you DRIVERS, our First Christian 500 is now coming into the "home stretch." Most of you have used the Gas Can quickly and then relayed it without delay to the next family or person on your Pit Crew List.

We are confident that our RACE will be completed on schedule, provided we continue to have the splendid cooperation we have had so far! TEAMWORK is the key to the complete success of this year's stewardship campaign.

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR PART? You have if you have received a Gas Can, filled in your own Pledge Card, and then — without any delay — delivered the Can to the next house on your Pit Crew List.

If you have not received a Gas Can and, therefore, haven't had the opportunity to do your part, it is all the more important that you "swing into action" now that our RACE is in the home stretch.

In the event a Gas Can has not reached your house by the end of this day, phone the church office tomorrow morning and ask that you be given the chance to do your part.

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FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 3, 1996

Steven Vachon, 5401 Fairfield Avenue 46807.

SERVING NOVEMBER 10**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Janet Weicker & Jack Weicker**10:45 a.m.** Charles McGrew & Dick Mey**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** G. Brown, A. Cook, M. Crouse,
T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** G. Cole, J. Franklin, E. Gorman,
L. McFarland, J. Mounsey, E. Rieke,
B. Widmer, R. Wise**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

J. Kelly - G. Kern

K. Taylor - D. Lehman

J. Church - M. McDougle

A. Moll - E. Yeoman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

G. Cole, L. McFarland, R. Wise

EVANGELISM CALLERS

M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Diane Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 117:30 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**12:00 noon D.M.A. Lunch at Window
Garden followed by tour of Embassy
Theater

6:30 p.m. Administrative Committee

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 137:00 p.m. Friends LIFE group at Deb
Lehman's7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House
LIFE Group

7:00 p.m. Apostles Group

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**NOVEMBER 12-18**Diana Lesueur(12), Linda Breeden(13),
Jewel Byrket(14), James Hudlow(14), John
Proegler(14), Melissa Miller(14), Tom
Meadows(16), Kathy Marvel(16), Deb
Miller(18), Danielle Favory(18)

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SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction is a way to distribute items that are no longer in service at First Christian. The renovation projects will replace a number of items and in order to allow church members the opportunity to claim items of interest the First Christian Silent Auction will be held during the week of November 17, and final bids can be recorded until 6:00 p.m. on November 24. Items from closets, storage and other locations will be assembled in the parlor with a bid sheet attached.

If there is an item you want, simply write your name and bid on the sheet. Since this is an open bid process others may raise your bid by simply listing their name after yours and raising the price.

Roger Moll
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From Here to Zehr

We have returned from our vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with crystals galore. We went crystal mining outside of Hot Springs at the Coleman Mine. Crystal mining is an interesting process of sifting through the mounds of dirt that has been brought up from the mines. You have to have patience as you pick your way through the rocks and dirt. But, when you see the glisten of the crystals against a ray of the sun you know you have found something beautiful. It is similar to our experiences in life. We go through the rocks and dirt of life and then before our eyes is this beautiful crystal of a person

that comes into our life. They say you don't find the crystal, the crystal finds you. Maybe that is the way with the people God brings into our lives.

I look forward to being with you on Sunday. Hope to see you in church!

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Thanks to Pat Mullen and George Bruckman for leading worship this past Sunday while Diane and I were out of town.



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2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

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Your Childrens' Ministry Team

**Lori Vandergriff, Anne Moll, Donna McEvoy, Laura McFarland,
Diane Bohlen, and Diane Zehr**

Please reserve _____ spaces for the following children to attend advent afternoon:

Name _____ Phone _____

Age _____

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Age _____

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Year-to-date	179	\$161,357.24	\$150,846.98

THANK YOU

Dear Jerry, Diane and friends at First Christian,

Our family would like to say thank you for all the love and kindness you showed us during our short time living in Fort Wayne. You opened your arms to us and welcomed us gladly.

I wish we did not have to move so soon after settling in Fort Wayne, but in the short time we were here, we developed friendships and became so close to many of you.

Brent and I thank the youth group for allowing us to become a part of it. We dearly miss you all. You are a wonderful group of young people and our lives have been blessed by knowing you. Please plan a trip to King's Island next spring/summer.

Thank you again, the whole church, for loving us as you did. We dearly miss each and every one of you. Your church has a lot of wonderful things happening and we're glad to have been a part of it for the time we were in Fort Wayne.

Paige Jarrett

ALSO.....

We wish to thank all who sent cards, best wishes and for food while we were in the hospital and recuperating at home.

John & Ruth Truesdell

JOYS & CONCERNS

Ed Allen has been released from the Mayo Clinic and will return at a later date for surgery.

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POINSETTIAS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating again this year with poinsettias. They will all be red in a 6 1/2" pot. Cost is \$10.00.

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of someone or in honor of someone, please state that below. If you choose to take your plant home, please do so after the service on December 24.

Place your check for \$10.00 - or for however many you want - in the offering plate or mail to the church office along with the order blank below. Orders will be accepted until December 15.

DONATED BY: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

I WILL PICK UP AFTER WORSHIP 12/24 _____

PLEASE GIVE TO A SHUT-IN _____

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C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy, K.

Scott, E. Yeoman

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G. Cole, L. McFarland, R. Wise

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ken Taylor & Bob Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Jack Weicker**YOUTH NEWS.....**

Attention youth - we will be having a lock-in on Saturday, November 23. Midnight bowling, games, and movies! More details to follow.

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00 p.m. Married With Children

LIFE Group

7:30 p.m. Young and the Restless

LIFE Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Rachel Group at Mildred

Hartman's & Mildred Hutchinson's

7:00 p.m. W.O.E. Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE group at Deb

Lehman's

7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at the church

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House

LIFE Group

7:00 p.m. Jerry Zehr's PRC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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ATTENTION ALL YOUTH! **LOCK-IN THIS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23 AT 8:00 P.M.**

Moonlight Bowling!
Jailbreak!
Charades!

Movies!
Spoons!
Fun!

Please bring the following:

2 liter of soda
snack
sleeping bag
pillow
\$5.00 for bowling
a good attitude

REMEMBER...NO SLEEPING!

THANKS!

From Here to Zehr

YOU PREACH FIRST...

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the Pastor, but by YOU!

You preach a message of good cheer when you say "good morning" to those you meet as you are parking, in the hallway and classroom.

You preach a message of welcome — we have room for you, when you slide over in the row instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you enthusiastically sing during the service.

You preach a message about power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together.

You preach a message about respect when you listen attentively while the special music is presented.

You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello and introduce

yourself to visitors.

You preach a message about faith when you give your tithes and offerings.

You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you open your Bible to the day's text.

You preach a message of acceptance when you invite visitors to your Sunday School class and participate with them in class.

COME PREPARED TO PREACH!!

Peace.

Jerry

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Dale Wright, 1350 Eliza Street 46803.

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CHANCEL CHOIR REVISED PRACTICES

THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 23:

3:30 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 p.m. (same)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

CANCELLED-NO PRACTICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

****NEW** - 7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:00 p.m. (same)

Scheduled performances:

Chamber Singers: December 8

Chancel Choir: Dec. 22, Dec. 24

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jean Chappell is home from St. Joseph Medical Center.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



CERAMICS -
ORNAMENTS -
CROCHET -
AND MORE

When:

Friday, December 6, 1996

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 1996

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Elinor Place Residence

3360 Elmhurst Drive

Fort Wayne, IN

Refreshments will be served.

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THANKSGIVING OFFERING MINUTE FOR MISSION

Evangelism is an important focus of the ministry funded by your Thanksgiving Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance.

Taking the Name of Jesus is a study and action program that was developed by your gifts through Homeland Ministries. The program seeks to deepen the faith and friendship of church members, as well as encouraged increased spirit, church attendance, and church involvement. *Taking the Name of Jesus* has been used successfully throughout North America in many Disciples congregations, such as ours, and continues to help our churches develop and grow.

When you support the Thanksgiving Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance, you support programs like this that help the cause of church development and evangelism. Give generously this season as you are blessed. Give thanks!

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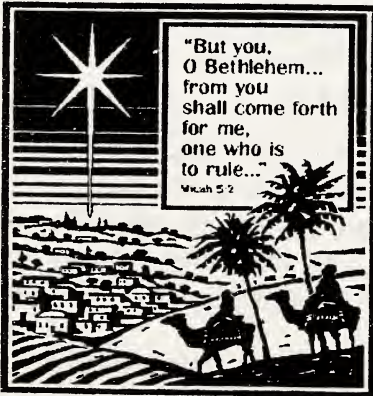
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SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction is a way to distribute items that are no longer in service at First Christian. The renovation projects will replace a number of items and in order to allow church members the opportunity to claim items of interest the First Christian Silent Auction will be held during the week of November 17, and final bids can be recorded until 6:00 p.m. on November 24. Items from closets, storage and other locations will be assembled in the parlor with a bid sheet attached.

If there is an item you want, simply write your name and bid on the sheet. Since this is an open bid process others may raise your bid by simply listing their name after yours and raising the price.

Roger Moll
Board Moderator



PRAYER REQUEST FOR WALK TO BETHLEHEM

"That the Good News will be announced."

Much has been done to announce this event to the community. News of Walk to Bethlehem will be in newspapers, on the radio, on the Pizza Hut placemats and given to every carload of folks who go through Fantasy of Lights at Franke Park (about 5,000 cars).

The best way the news of God's love can be given is by one friend to another so that it is given with love. That's how God gave us Jesus - wrapped in love.

In your prayers this week, ask God to show you someone who needs this gift and pray that God will help you know how to offer it.

Then don't forget to give it.

"Thy Word is a Lamp unto our feet."

Diane Zehr

SCHEDULE FOR WALK TO BETHLEHEM



TODAY: Sign up for your role to play to make it happen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:00 P.M. Set up night for the Marketplace and scenes. We need lots of hands to create the atmosphere so if you can spare an evening we'd love to have you join us.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:30 P.M. Dress Rehearsal. As you come in you'll be directed to sit with the people who will be in your scene. After a few moments all together, you'll

walk through your part and make sure you know your costume fits, etc. It won't take long but it is crucial.

KEEP THOSE BASKETS COMING

Remember how the marketplace looked? In order for it to happen again, we need the following items:

Baskets
Crocks
Wooden bowls
Cruets

There will be a gathering table in fellowship hall where you can put these items. They'll be returned right after the week of the 14th.

HANGING OF THE GREENS



Fun event - Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m. - Hanging of the Greens. Come and share in the decorations of the church as we prepare for Christmas.

SERVING NOVEMBER 24**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Eunice Conrad & Ralph Church**10:45 a.m.** Gene Klepfer & Eileen Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, M. Crouse, J. Ott**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, M. McDougale, O. McDougale, E. Vandergriff,

L. Vandergriff, B. Widmer, R. Wise

COMMUNION PREPARATION

J. Mounsey, E. Rieke, B. Widmer

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S. Hayes - T. Knuckles

K. Blocher - M. Mullen

G. Bruckman - S. Brickley

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Eve Gorman & Marlene Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Tim Knuckles**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

3:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

8:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Anything But Turkey Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 257:30 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE group at Deb
Lehman's7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**NOV. 26-DEC. 2**Kristian Scott(27), Mary Sue
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December 4, 1996

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING

December 8, Sunday Worship - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sermon: "God Knows Where - Candle of Peace."

The Chamber Choir will sing a beautiful Christmas song of peace.

December 13 & 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Walk to Bethlehem - It's free! Bring a neighbor or friend!

December 15 - Sunday Worship - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sermon: "God Knows Who - Candle of Joy."

The Bell Choir will ring in the Christmas spirit with a special number.

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Pastoral Caller: Rev. George Bruckman

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From Here to Zehr

In the November Board meeting, it was approved to give our senior pastor a two month sabbatical in 1997.

From January 1 to March 1 I will be on a study sabbatical away from the church.

What is a sabbatical? It is a period of time for the minister to disengage from the regular duties of the ministry and to use a period of time for reading, studying, writing in renewal of the spirit. I will be going to a workshop at the Crystal Cathedral in California on the "church in the 21st Century," and also will be attending a Trappist Monastery for quiet

reflection and praying.

The concept of the sabbatical is that it gives the minister a time for personal renewal, a time for reading and preparing to lead the church when they return. I will be writing more about this time coming in the next couple of weeks.

Rev. Diane Zehr will be here to take care of duties of ministries while I will be gone.

See you Sunday.

Peace,
Jerry

Your 1996 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL DAY OFFERING

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope...."

Romans 15:13

WHY GIVE?

When you share your gratefulness this Christmas through your church's Christmas Special Day Offering, your gift supports the ministry of 36 regions, 11 general ministry units, and 22 Disciples-related higher education institutions.

Your gift provides help and hope for:

- More than 175 missionaries in over 40 countries, and Disciples global partnerships in 85 countries.
- Social and health services ministries for over 10,500 elderly persons, abused children, and developmentally disabled persons through the National Benevolent Association.
- Retired ministers and survivors of deceased ministers through the Pension Fund.
- Church revitalization and new church establishment projects across North America.
- Regional ministries such as camp and conference centers.

Your gift also makes possible education for church leaders and youth, help for congregations in calling a pastor, and MUCH MORE!

Give as you are blessed — give generously!



CHANCEL CHOIR REVISED PRACTICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 p.m. (same)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

CANCELLED-NO PRACTICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

****NEW** - 7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:00 p.m. (same)

Scheduled performances:

Chamber Singers: December 8

Chancel Choir: Dec. 22, Dec. 24

TO: THE RACHEL GROUP

The Rachel Group will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the church to assemble Christmas items.

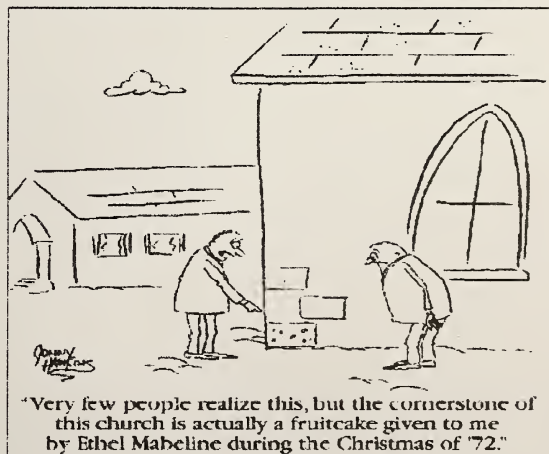
JOYS & CONCERNS

Marvel Brickley is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Don Parlette is recovering from a stroke. He was in Fort Wayne for a short visit the week of Thanksgiving.

Our sympathy is extended to **Leo and Donna Heimann** in the recent death of Leo's father.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Mary Cook** who died last week.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 1, 1996

Linda Deck, 822 Rockhill; **Tracy German**, 1904 Webster St., Apt. 3; **Art Dragoo**, 1124 Westover Road.

FACT NOT FICTION

Our congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Our stewardship program has been successfully completed because of your interest and effort. We received **127 family pledges** of which 15% were new pledges and 30% were increases from last year. Our total pledged monies amount to \$159,379. This type of response indicates that we, as a church family, are **ALERT** and recognize the needs of those looking to us for a Church Home and a base from which to serve God. Thank you very much!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to **Didier Meats** on Pettit for cutting up the ham we gave out in the Food Bank on Thanksgiving!

Thanks to Childrens' Ministry Team!

30 children ages 3 years - 5th grade and 10 adults enjoyed an Advent Afternoon last Sunday, December 1. We enjoyed crafts, stories, games, songs, and a birthday cake for Jesus.

Our greatest thanks goes to our Childrens' Ministry Team and parents who helped. Say a word of thanks to Lori Vandergriff, Anne Moll, Donna McEvoy, Laura McFarland, Teresa Hatten, Sue, Sara, and Melissa Brey, Barb Rumble, Laura Whitworth and Diane Zehr.

Dear Friends,

We wanted to write an open letter to the congregation here at First Christian to thank you for all of the support that we felt during the difficult loss of our daughter Ruth. The cards, kind words of sympathy, and gifts of food were such a constant source of blessing that it is hard to imagine life without our church family - especially during times of trial. Thank you for your love and support and please know that we have been greatly touched by your sympathy.

In Christian Love,

Brian, Margaret, Jason and Naomi Precht

Friends at First Christian Church,

One of the most difficult aspects of our move to Syracuse, New York, was leaving our friends at First Christian Church. We have been members for about two years and during that time have grown spiritually and personally through our relationship with God and with many of you.

We are very apprehensive about finding a new church family in Syracuse - especially one as wonderful as the one we're leaving in Fort Wayne!! Please keep us in your prayers and thank you all for your kindness.

God Bless You,

Gary, Kelli, and Jana June (J.J.) Kern

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SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Do you want to help spread the Good News of "Walk to Bethlehem?" We have nearly 5,000 flyers just waiting to be distributed to those who need to hear the Good News and isn't that everyone? Next Saturday, December 7, we need volunteers to put flyers under the windshield wipers of cars. Primary targets should be parking lots in Southgate Plaza, Southtown Mall, Glenbrook Mall, Northcrest, grocery store parking lots, etc.

Flyers will be in bundles of 50 and can be picked up at the church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We hope a large group can go after choir practice at 2:30 p.m., but anytime during the daylight hours would be acceptable.

Thank you very much!

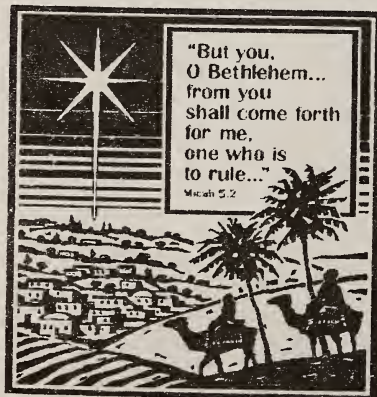
1996 ANGEL TREE



"...You will bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."
Luke 1:31

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the families of the men we support at the Allen County Jail again this year. The Angel Tree is located in fellowship hall and contains around 18 families that need to be adopted for Christmas. We are asking that you sign the sheet next to the tree showing which angel you adopted. You should purchase a gift for each child listed on the Angel that you take from the tree. All gifts need to be returned to the church before 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 1996. The youth group and members of the Outreach Committee will be delivering the gifts along with a bag of groceries to each family on Sunday evening. If you would like to deliver the gifts to the family you adopted you can be a part of the Sunday evening delivery group.

This will be the third year that we have been a part of this ministry. Last year we ministered to 20 families and over 70 children. It was an incredible blessing for everyone who participated. If you want to participate and have any questions, please call Charlie Hatten or the church office.



"But you,
O Bethlehem...
from you
shall come forth
for me,
one who is
to rule..."
Micah 5:2

PRAYER REQUEST FOR WALK TO BETHLEHEM

*"That God will use us
to surprise the world."*

Last year, a woman came forward to light a candle during the Walk and had to tell us she had been Christmas shopping at Southgate and was rushed and harried. She saw the lights and people at the church and came to see what was going on. After going through the experience, as she lit her candle she "remembered" just why she was doing what she was doing and it made all the difference in her heart.

This week, since you've already invited those you know, pray that those you don't know (but God does) who need to "remember" will find a way to be there. Invite them in from the highways and the byways.

Diane Zehr

SCHEDULE FOR WALK TO BETHLEHEM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:30 P.M. Dress Rehearsal.

As you come in you'll be directed to sit with the people who will be in your scene. After a few moments all together, you'll walk through your part and make sure you know your costume fits, etc. It won't take long but it is crucial.



NEWS FROM YOUR FOOD BANK

This holiday season will be filled with joy for most of us. In the spirit of the season please remember the ones who come to us in need. Working people who need food to feed their families.

This past month the food bank ran out of food twice and had to close early. In the week before Thanksgiving we had over 50 families come in need of food. Some of them are on social security and others are working but can't seem to get caught up.

Tuna fish, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce are always needed.

We expect even more families around Christmas than we had last month. Please try to bring a can of food to church Sunday and leave it in the Narthex.

If you are available between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday please call the church office. Even if you could only do 2 hours a month, it would help.

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
This week(11-24)	177	\$3,667.21	\$3,621.56
Year-to-date	178	\$172,358.87	\$159,136.87

SERVING DECEMBER 8**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** George Bruckman & Sara Davis**10:45 a.m.** Charles McGrew & Ken Taylor**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** J. Ott, B. Smith, J. Young**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J. Davis,

C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D. McEvoy,

K. Scott, E. Yeoman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Keebortz, D. McEvoy, J. McGrew

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D. Mey - M. McDougale

K. Ohneck - J. Mounsey

A. Moll - E. Vandergriff

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ron & Caren Wise

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Dick Mory**CHURCH CALENDAR****SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

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5:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem Dress

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Rehearsal**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

7:30 p.m. Young and the Restless

LIFE Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

6:30 p.m. Administrative Committee

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

1:30 p.m. Rachel Group at the church

7:00 p.m. Friends LIFE group at Deb
Lehman's7:00 p.m. Outer Limits LIFE Group at
the church**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**10:00 a.m. Best Seat in the House
LIFE Group

5:45 p.m. Bells

FRI. & SAT. DEC. 13 & 14

6:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**DECEMBER 3-16**

Ethel Richhart(6), Mildred Arruza(6),
 Sue Kerley(7), Shelley Sendelbach(8),
 Clifton Bowman(9), Bill Franklin(10), Sara
 Davis(12), Dan Mory(13), Erin Brosey(16)

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GOD KNOWS WHO!

God has given each one of us talents and gifts that make us unique. Who is God calling to be Gods' Hands and Voice this Christmas?

December 15 - Sunday Worship - 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sermon: "God Knows Who - Candle of Joy." The Bell Choir will ring in the Christmas spirit with a special number.

December 21 - 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsal with all children who want to join in the Christmas Pageant at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

December 22 - Christmas Sunday

Christmas Breakfast - There will be a special breakfast between worship services in the fellowship hall to greet those who have been visiting with us throughout this past year, and to welcome those who have joined the church this past year.

Sermon: God Knows How! - Candle of Love." The Chancel Choir will sing a special musical selection especially planned for our Christmas Sunday.

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WALK TO BETHLEHEM - This Friday and Saturday night, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Watch Channel 15 Friday morning, 6:00-8:00 a.m. They will be doing live interviews in the marketplace in between their show segments.

Ministers: Rev. Jerry and Rev. Diane Zehr

Pastoral Caller: Rev. George Bruckman

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From Here to Zehr

Last week I mentioned I will be on sabbatical during January and February. The idea of the sabbatical is nothing new, Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. Many times we see him retreating from his ministry to become re-focused and clear about what God has called him to do.

Those in ministry find it easy to lose focus of our center when we are always caring for others and dealing with emotional and spiritual problems in other peoples lives.

One part of my sabbatical will be to go to a Trappist Monastery in Kentucky where I will be in total silence for one

week. They serve the meals in silence and there is no interaction with the monks while you are staying there. I hear people in the church are already taking bets if I can be quiet the whole week!

The reason for the solitude is to strip myself of all distractions so that my mind and heart will be clear to receive God's wisdom and grace. During this week I will pray for each member of our church. If you have a special request please drop me a note.

See you Sunday!

Peace,
Jerry

Your 1996 CHRISTMAS SPECIAL DAY OFFERING

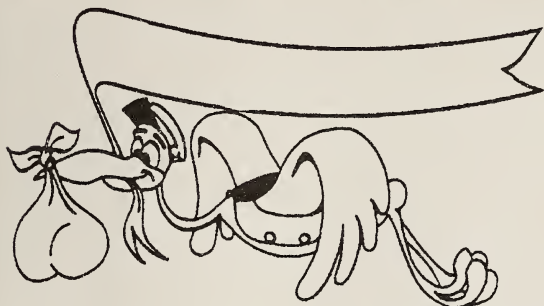
WHO MIGHT NEED THE HOPE YOU CAN BRING THROUGH YOUR GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?

- A missionary couple teaching, battling drought conditions, tending crops, and holding weekly church services in Africa.
- The disabled widow of a Disciples' pastor who will receive a small extra check to help pay her household expenses this month.
- A seminary student who is preparing to enter the ministry.
- A teenager who will escape peer pressure and problems at home to attend a life-changing regional Disciples camp experience.
- A family that will be encouraged to come to church through a Disciples evangelism project.

When you give to the Christmas Special Day Offering for Basic Mission Finance, you join with Disciples churchwide to give help and hope to hundreds of ministries throughout North America and in more than 85 countries around the world.

Give as you have received. Give generously. Give hope!

You're Invited!



*You're Invited to a
Baby Shower for
Erin Brosey*

Given by: Judy Mey, Sue Brey & Lori Crouter.

When: Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Where: At the home of Judy Mey's, 10330
Tillman Road.

Please call Judy Mey and let her know if you
will be coming to the shower no later than this
Sunday, December 15.

Joys
&
Concerns

Marvel Brickley is a patient at
Lutheran Hospital.

Paul Waugh is a patient at
Parkview Hospital.

George Cole is a patient at Charter
Beacon Hospital.

Fern Kenline is recuperating from
pneumonia.

Our sympathy is extended to Glenn
& Lola Miller in the recent death of
Glenn's nephew.



FIRST TIME VISITORS IN
WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 8, 1996

Sara Witt, 242 E. Maple Grove Avenue.

1996 ANGEL TREE

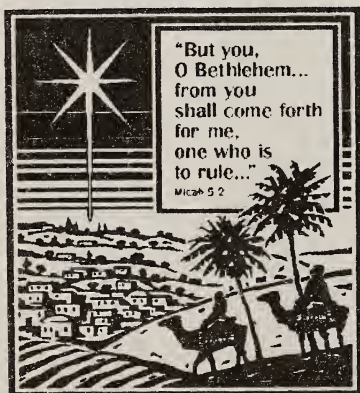


"...You will bear a son, and
you will name him Jesus."
Luke 1:31

Thanks to all the families that adopted the Angel Tree Families this past Sunday. I will be getting a couple more families this week, but you will need to call me or the church office to adopt them. We hope to supply the Christmas meal for each family.

I also need to know who adopted family 1 and family 5 this past Sunday. Please call me or the church office and leave your name and which family you adopted. I am calling each Angel Tree Family this week to try to get additional information about the kids. I will then call each of you to let you know what I find out. You are witnessing to the men in my class what the power of Jesus Christ can do in the lives of people of faith. May God Bless You!

Charlie Hatten



NOTICE!

WALK TO BETHLEHEM

We are asking those people who are participating in this joyous celebration to meet at the church by 5:30 p.m. on the date you have been assigned. We will need all actors to be in their designated places before 6:30 p.m., on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14.

Thank you again for your help in presenting this beautiful gift to the community. If you have questions, please call the church office at 744-3239.

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PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Peace and Justice Commission of the Associated Churches made a commitment to the community to conduct healing services at the sites of each homicide in 1996. We have decided to continue the services in 1997.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, we now have a calling tree to let people know when we are meeting. The services are held at noon and last about 25 minutes. I can tell you that those who have attended have been blessed.

We also will be having a healing service at the Allen County Courthouse on the Sunday after the KKK is here. We have seen God use these services to bring neighbors together and start the healing process for some of the victims' families.

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M. Mullen**10:45 a.m.** D. Heimann, L. Heimann, L.
Brey, S. Brey, M. McDougale, O.
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 167:00 p.m. Married with Children
LIFE Group7:30 p.m. Young and the Restless
LIFE Group**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

7:00 p.m. W.O.E. Meeting

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 219:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Children's
Christmas Pageant

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**DECEMBER 17-23**Bob Smith(17), Graham Baugh-
man(17), Jacob Smelser(18), Tim
Knuckles(19), Diana Blomeke(20),
Mickieann Martz(22), Elaine Par-
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GOD KNOWS HOW!

God has given each one of us talents and gifts that make us unique. How is God calling to be Gods' Hands and Voice this Christmas?

December 21 - 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsal with all children who want to join in the Christmas Pageant at the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

December 22 - Christmas Sunday

Christmas Breakfast - There will be a special breakfast between worship services in the fellowship hall to greet those who have been visiting with us throughout this past year, and to welcome those who have joined the church this past year.

Sermon: God Knows How! - Candle of Love." The Chancel Choir will sing a special musical selection especially planned for our Christmas Sunday.

December 24 - Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. - Family Service - we will tell the Christmas Story with the children dressed in costume becoming the characters of Christmas. There will also be the singing of carols and lighting of candles as we sing Silent Night.

11:00 p.m. - Candlelight and Communion Service - the Chancel Choir will sing. Rev. Zehr will have a special Christmas message, we will partake of Holy Communion and have a candle lighting ceremony.

Ministers: Rev. Jerry and Rev. Diane Zehr

Pastoral Caller: Rev. George Bruckman

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From Here to Zehr

I'm happy to announce the Board of Trustees decision to bring Steve Vachon on staff as our Student Associate. Steve will begin classes in January at Christian Theological Seminary and has already begun working at the church. Steve's areas of ministry will be youth and community ministries.

We are blessed to have someone of Steve's experience coming on staff at First Christian Church. Please make Steve and Amy and their children feel welcomed at First!

With Steve that makes 9 of us who join in the ministry team at First. We are blessed to have people like George Bruckman as our Pastoral Caller, Diane

Zehr as our Minister of Faith Development, Brian Precht as our Music Director, Phyllis Lahr as our Organist, Diane Johnson as our Church Secretary, and Michael Omspach as our Custodian, Terry Anderson as our Minister of Counseling. Each one has a special importance that truly enhances the ministry of the church. I hope you will let them know of your appreciation for their important ministerial leadership they give us.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Peace,

Jerry

A NOTE FROM STEVE VACHON

A Tidings hello to our new church family! My wife Amy and I have been deeply touched and greatly blessed by the warm welcome we have received from the First Christian Church family. With a sense of awe and wonder, we feel beloved by God who has prepared for us a dwelling place here with you. With grateful hearts, we embrace you as you have embraced us. We thank God, and you, for the doors that have so easily and quickly opened to us. As we walk through these doors, we offer to you the gifts we bring with the prayer that they may complement the gifts you are already giving in the service of Christ's gospel. We look forward with anticipation to discovering the presence of God with you and within you as we serve together.

Steve Vachon

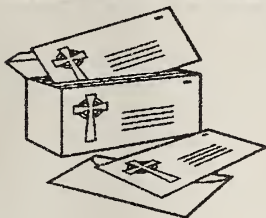


D.M.A. POTLUCK

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) group will have a potluck on Tuesday, January 7, 1997 at 12:00 noon at the church.

The program will be a surprise!!

1997 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Your 1997 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. We will not be mailing them this year.

If you cannot find a set of envelopes with your name on it, please contact the church office. Thank you.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 5, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. to approve the budget for next year.

Hope you can be there.

PLEASE NOTE.....

We will not have a newsletter next week because of the Christmas holiday.

JOYS & CONCERNS

We wish to welcome Paige Blankenship to First Christian Church as she joined December 15, 1996. Paige's address is: 8108 Lakeside Court, Apt. 2A 46816. Phone: 447-7812.

Marvel Brickley is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Rebecca Bowman is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Ed Allen will have surgery on Wednesday, December 18 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Waugh as his funeral was last Sunday.

George Cole is a patient at Charter Beacon Hospital.

Ed Hall will have surgery on January 3, 1997. Keep Ed and Rosalie in your prayers.

Also, please keep Bev Hendricks and her family in your prayers.

A very special "91st Happy Birthday" to Lucille Branstrator on December 29!

Attendance

Budget Needs

Actual Giving

This week(12-8)

163

\$3,667.21

\$3,388.50

Year-to-date

179

\$179,693.29

\$167,441.62

1996 ANGEL TREE



"...You will bear a son, and you will name him Jesus."
Luke 1:31

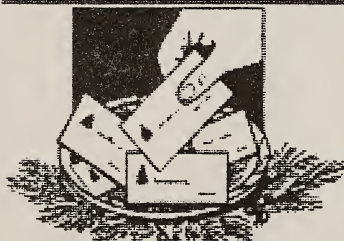
If you adopted one of the Angel Tree Families and did not sign the list next to the tree, please call the church office and let them know the number of the family you adopted.

Remember to have your wrapped gift with the child's name under the Angel Tree in fellowship hall by Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to help deliver the gifts and Christmas meal, please call the church office.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank the children who made Christmas cards during Sunday School. The men really appreciate the love that First Christian is showing them.

Charlie Hatten



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

This year's Christmas Special Offering is extra special. The money collected will be split between the worldwide outreach programs administered by Basic Mission Finance and A Baby's Closet right here

in our Church.

Basic Mission Finance invests your resources in many programs just like A Baby's Closet all around the world. A Baby's Closet will help make the lives of infants in Fort Wayne and Allen County a little brighter this holiday season. Mothers will be wearing a smile because of the love and concern you have shown by giving generously to the Christmas Special Offering.

A BIG THANK YOU TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

Being a member of the board of Associated Churches gives me the opportunity to work with many other churches here in Fort Wayne. I can tell you that we here at First Christian are thought of as a caring and loving church. A church that believes in helping our neighbors and our gift of the Walk to Bethlehem was just one more example of our commitment to showing the love of Christ to all who come. Disciples of Christ have a wonderful history of welcoming those who seek a relationship with Christ without putting strings on how they come. I hear from my friends who have come to worship or attend one of our events what loving and caring people we have at First Christian. I agree.

Charlie Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal for the Children's
Christmas Pageant

1:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:30 p.m. Young & the Restless LIFE Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. Best Seat In the House LIFE
Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 p.m. Married with Children LIFE Group

7:30 p.m. Young and the Restless LIFE
Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

10:00a.m. Best Seat in the House LIFE Group

YOU'RE INVITED

Together with their families

*Cindy Hope Farmer
and*

James Paul Grimshaw

*invite you to worship and celebrate
with them in the covenant
of their marriage*

*on Saturday, December 28, 1996
at 2:30 in the afternoon*

*Trinity United Methodist Church
320 Robertsville Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee*

*Reception immediately following
Fellowship Hall*

(Jim's mailing address is: Disciples Divinity
House, 1917 Adelia Avenue, Nashville, TN
37212).

TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

Many fell off the donkey and one of our tour guides knocked on the innkeepers door so hard, he broke a pane of glass. Still, in all, those are the things we'll look back on as we tell the stories of the Walk to Bethlehem 1996.

Close to 600 people from the community travelled the road to Bethlehem and so many of our congregation did their part to once again give this gift to Fort Wayne.

We'll also thank God that we shared a moment with folks when the love of God born in Jesus lit a flame in their heart and the light in their eye was more than the reflection of a flickering candle — it was faith itself being born and renewed.

"From Him we have all received grace upon grace".

Thanks for giving your gift.

Diane Zehr

SERVING DECEMBER 22**ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Ralph Church & Eunice Conrad**10:45 a.m.** Dick Mey & Eileen Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** G. Brown, A. Cook, M. Crouse,
T. Knuckles**10:45 a.m.** J. Franklin, E. Gorman, L. McFar-
land, J. Mounsey, E. Rieke.

E. Vandergriff, L. Vandergriff

HOMEBOUNDED COMMUNION

J. Kelly - G. Brown

S. Hayes - D. Keebortz

K. Taylor - J. Davis

R. Church - S. Rudy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Bier & Vandergriff's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Eve Gorman & Marlene Crouse

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Bob Bier**SERVING DECEMBER 29****ELDERS****8:15 a.m.** Kris Ohneck & Anne Moll**10:45 a.m.** John Kelly & Gene Klepfer**DIACONATE & GREETERS****8:15 a.m.** M. Bier, B. Bier, D. Keebortz,
J. Young**10:45 a.m.** S. Brickley, K. Bushey, J.
Davis, C. Falbe, D. Lehman, D.
McEvoy, K. Scott, E. Yeoman**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

M. Bier & Vandergriff's

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Ralph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADER**8:15 a.m.** Diane Mory**MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS****DEC. 24-JAN. 6**Bill Crouse(24), Michael
O'Laughlin(24), Elizabeth Dull(26),
Carolyn Falbe(26), Marsha Hacken-
berg(27), Sarah E. Smith(28), Paul
Fisher(28), John Mathis(28), Lucille
Branstrator(29), Todd McBride(31),
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